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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Date: January 13, 2003

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Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm

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Place: Tenderloin Community Room
201 Turk Street, San Francisco

AGENDA

Note: Decision on any and all action items will be preceded by discussion and public comment

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of December Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment (Discussion Item) (110 minutes)
Invite:
Supervisor Chris Daly
George Smith-Homeless Department
Shih-Wei Lu - Department of Public Works
Captain David Shinn-San Francisco Police Department
Shawn Collins - North of Market Neighborhood Improvement Corporation
Jose Toledo - SF Neighborhood Safety Partnership
- IV. Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item)
Adjournment

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Immigrant Rights Commission
Minutes of Special Meeting on January 13, 2003

A special meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, January 13, 2003 at Tenderloin Community Room at 201 Turk Street in San Francisco from 5:25-6:05pm.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:25 p.m., Commissioners Nwadiabia, Ataya, Casillas, Berumen, Haile, Lau, Nguyen, Tran & Zheng were present. Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Gonzalez, Gusukuma, Huie, Ribas were absent. Commissioner Casillas & Zheng left at 6:05 p.m.

Invited Guests Supervisor Chris Daly
Captain David Shinn - San Francisco Police Department
Shawn Collins - North of Market Neighborhood Improvement Corp.
Shih-Wei Lu - Department of Public Works

Others Present Winny Loi, Commission Secretary
William Chan, Deputy City Attorney

II. Approval of minutes for Dec. 9, 2002:

Commissioner Lau moved to approve the minutes with the following amendments:

"Commissioner Lau presented to the Commission a rough draft of the Summit Report."

Commissioner Haile seconds the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes as amended

III. Public Comment:

Commissioner Nwadiabia welcomed the invited guests and invited the public to address the Commission.

Tan Dang expressed his concerns about the lack of City forms translated into Vietnamese. He noted that most of the City forms are translated into Spanish or Chinese.

Thuy Nguyen, Chair of the Women Mutual Association, spoke to the Commission on her concerns about the translation services for the Vietnamese immigrant community. She noted the need for more translating services & translated City

documents for the Vietnamese community. She stressed the need for translated voting materials to allow the Vietnamese immigrants to participate effectively in the political process. She also noted the need for translation services at the hospitals & the housing authority to enable the Vietnamese immigrant to communicate effectively about their needs.

Thuy Doan from the Vietnamese Community of San Francisco also stated his concerns on the need for more Vietnamese translating services.

Supervisor Chris Daly addressed the Commission noting that the Tenderloin neighborhood is an ethnically diverse area with many residents speaking a variety of languages. The residents come from hard working lower income families who often have limited English proficiency and in need of translation services. He also pointed out the importance of the Commission's work on behalf of the immigrant residents of the City especially in the current post September 11th climate. He informed the Commission of the Board of Supervisors' efforts to adopt a resolution opposing the USA Patriot Act, which give the federal government sweeping powers to restrict the civil rights of immigrants.

Captain David Shinn addressed the Commission on the efforts made by the Police Department to better serve the limited English proficient residents in the Tenderloin neighborhood. He noted that when the officers responding to a complaint do not speak the language of the complainant, they would radio for translation help from other officers on duty. He also pointed out various organizations, such as the Safe Awareness For Everyone (SAFE) program, which goes out to the community to educate residents about safety. The Police Department is also continuing its effort to recruit more bilingual officers

Adjournment:

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. due to the loss of quorum.



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Date: February 10, 2003

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm

Place: City Hall

One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in
Hearing room 416

AGENDA

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- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of January Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- IV. Status of the Airport Workers Bonus program (Discussion item) (20 minutes)
Presentation by former SFO Baggage Screeners on promises made by the Transportation Safety Administration to terminated workers who remain on their jobs until after sufficient replacement screeners have been trained.
- V. School District's Activities involving FEC and Bessie Carmichael (20 minutes)
 - 1. Community update on the San Francisco Unified School District's intention to sell the Filipino Education Center and phaseout the Filipino Bilingual Education Program, the only one in the city.
- VI. New Assignments to Committee (Action item) (10 minutes)
 - 1. Proposal to reorganize the committee
- VII. Director's Report (10 minutes)
 - 1. Update on the Implementation of the Equal Access to Service Ordinance
 - 2. Draft of the translation
- VIII. Report from the Chair (10 minutes)
 - 1. Report on the Neighborhood meeting
- IX. Update the status of the Summit Report- Commissioner Lau (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- X. Backlash meeting -Commissioner Ribas (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- XI. Program & Access Committee Report (5 minutes)
(Select appointments to Committee)

- XII. Policy & Legislation Committee Report (5 minutes)
(Select appointments to Committee)
- XIII. Finance & Operations Committee Report (5 minutes)
(Select appointments to Committee)
- IVX. Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item)
Adjournment

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A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, February 10, 2003 at City Hall, hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:00 p.m., Commissioners Nwadibia, Gonzalez, Berumen, Casillas, Gusukuma, Haile, Huie, Nguyen, Ribas & Tran were present. Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:14 p.m & left at 6:20, Commissioner Casillas arrived at 5:20. Commissioner Gusukuma left at 6:25 p.m. & Commissioner Ribas left at 6:35. Commissioner Atay, Lau & Zheng were absent.

Invited Guests Edward Gomez & Tony Irons.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director
Winny Loi, Commission Secretary
William Chan, Deputy City Attorney

II. Approval of minutes for Jan 13 2003:

Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes &
Commissioner Gusukuma seconded the motion. The minutes
were adopted unanimously.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Status of the Airport Screeners' bonus:

Edward Gomez from Transportation Security Administration (TSA) addressed the Commission on the "Bonus Program" for the former Airport Screeners. Mr. Gomez explained that during the change in the responsibility for airport security from the three private companies (Globe, ITS and Agrenbright) to the TSA, the TSA did not have sufficient screeners on hand to handle the screening function at SFO. As a result, the TSA asked the three companies to see if they can convince some of their screeners to remain on the job pass the changeover date. Those who agreed to remain on the job would receive a "bonus" based on their experience from the companies. The TSA would reimburse the companies. On average, the TSA believes that the bonus would amounts to approximately \$500 per person, though the actual "bonus" would vary based on the screener's experience. The three

companies were to submit a list of qualified employees who remained on the job and an invoice for the "bonus" to be given to these employees. The TSA would review the invoice and provide the funds for the "bonus" to the companies. It was the companies' responsibility to disburse the "bonus" to their individual employees. According to Mr. Gomez, Agrenbright, on its own, had disbursed the "bonus" to its employees and submitted the invoice to TSA for reimbursement. Mr. Gomez believes that Globe will be disbursing the "bonus" to its employees soon. ITS had not submitted an invoice to the TSA for the "bonus" to its employees. To complicate the matter, ITS had filed for bankruptcy protection. Hence, Mr. Gomez do not know when or if the ITS employees would get their "bonus."

Nestor Reyes, formerly with ITS, asked the Commission for assistance to getting their promised "bonus."

V. School District's Activities involving FEC and Bessie Carmichael:

Tony Irons from the School District (District) addressed the Commission regarding the issue involving the property where the Filipino Education Center (FEC) is situated & the alleged consolidation of FEC with the Bessie Carmichael school. Mr. Irons informed the Commission that the District is not planning to sell the property. Rather, the District is looking to lease the airspace rights to another entity, such as the Redevelopment Agency, for the development of affordable housing. He represented that the plan is very preliminary and no decision has been made.

Teresa Dunlapas, a parent of a child attending the FEC, expressed her concerns on the merge of FEC with Bessie Carmichael. She does not want the children & the Filipino community to be shortchanged. The parents want to secure the FEC site as a historic landmark for Filipino-Americans.

Edwin Jocson, Executive Director of West Bay Piliino Multi-Service Center addressed to the Commission concern of losing FEC.

Dr. Richard Kempis, a parent of a child attending FEC, addressed the commission on his concerns on the future of

FEC.

Mr. McCanvas expressed his concerns to the Commission regarding any merge of FEC with Bessie Carmichael.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked the Policy & Legislation Committee take up this issue regarding FEC.

VI. New Assignments to Committee:

Members of the Policy & Legislation Committee are:
Diana Lau, Vera Haile, Saif Ataya & Tamra Ribas

Members of the Program & Access Committee are:
Emi Gusukuma, Marlene Tran, Larisa Casillas & Juan Berumen

Members of the Finance Committee are:
Isabel Huie, Phu Nguyen & Houston Zheng

Commissioner Haile moved to approve the members of the Committee & Commissioner Gusukuma seconded the motion. The Committee members were adopted unanimously.

VII. Director's Report:

Mr. Pham told the Commission that he would be holding meetings with the Tier 1 Departments every 2nd Wednesday of the month to talk about issues they had regarding the Implementation Plan for the Equal Access Ordinance.

Mr. Pham also reported to the Commission on the Purchasing Department efforts to issue the request for proposals (RFP) for translation services for City Departments.

The Commissioners to receive from the City Administrator an itemized line item budget for the IRC.

Adjournment:

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. due to the loss of quorum.



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- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of February Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- IV. Active Voice, Sonya Childress, Director of California Strategies (30 minutes)
(Presentation)
The showing of documentary "The New Americans"
- V. Rodel Rodis, President of City College Board (10 minutes)
Police treatment of immigrants. (Information/Discussion item)
- VI. Lourdes Anne Tancingco, Esq., Immigration lawyer and Board Chairman of the (10 minutes)
Veterans Equity Center address the current focus of the INS on enforcement and reduce services. In effect, increasing the number of INS raids while sacrificing frontline services. (information/discussion item)
- VII. Director's Report (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
 - 1. Equal Access Service (EAS) 2nd Year implementation plan
 - 2. Planning for Summit
 - 3. Others
- VIII. Report from the Chair (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
Report on the Neighborhood meeting
- IX. Update the status of the Summit Report- Commissioner Lau (10 minutes)
(Information/Discussion Item)
- X. Backlash meeting - Commissioner Ribas (Information Item) (5 minutes)
Report on the result of the Backlash meeting.
- XI. SFUSD meeting-Commissioner Huie (Information Item) (5 minutes)
Report on the result from meeting with SFUSD, concerned parents and

- teachers regarding Fairmount elementary school.
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| XII. Program & Access Committee Report | (5 minutes) |
| XIII. Policy & Legislation Committee Report | (5 minutes) |
| IVX. Finance & Operations Committee Report | (5 minutes) |
| Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item) | (5 minutes) |
| Adjournment | |

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Invited Guests Sonya Childress, Active Voice
Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, Active Voice
Rodel Rodis, President of City College Board
Lourdes Anne Tancingco, Esq., Immigration Lawyer and Board chairman of the Veterans Equity Center

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director
Winny Loi, Commission Secretary
William Chan, Deputy City Attorney

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II. Approval of minutes for Feb 13 2003:

Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes &
Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Sally Kinoshita from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), Deepti Sethi & Maximiliano Garde students from UC Hastings informed the Commission on Congressional consideration of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM Act) and Student Adjustment Act. These bills will be introduced in Congress at the end of March 2003. These two bills would allow certain undocumented students to gain legal immigrant status in the United States and allows the states to consider these students as state residents for tuition purposes at state institutions.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked the Policy & Legislation committee to consider and to draft a resolution regarding

these two bills.

IV. Soyna Childress, Active Voice, Director of California Strategies:

Soyna Childress & Kanwarpal Dhaliwal from Active Voice showed clips from a PBS documentary miniseries titled "The New Americans." The film takes an intimate look at the newly arrived immigrants and refugees from Nigeria, India, the Dominican Republic, the West Bank and Mexico and their adjustment to life in America by documenting their lives prior to leaving their homeland through their first year in America.

V. Rodel Rodis, President of City College Board:

Mr. Rodis addressed the Commission on his concern for racial profiling that he had personally experienced. He described his experience as follows: One night, he went to the Walgreen's store to purchase some items. He tried to pay for the items with a hundred dollar bill. The cashier checked to determine if the bill was a forgery. Although one of the tests indicated that the bill was genuine, she remained suspicious of the bill because it lacked the magnetic strip and appropriate watermark. The Assistant Manager examined the bill and concluded that the bill was a counterfeit. The police was called and he was brought to the local police station. Mr. Rodis requested permission to call his wife and was refused. The police spoke with a treasury agent who informed them that the bill was real after examining the bill. The officers apologized for their mistake and offered to take him back to Walgreen's. Mr. Rodis believes that he was arrested because of his race.

He would like the SFPD to train their officers properly so that what happened to him would not happen to anyone else. He informed the Commission that he has filed a claim against the City and will file a suit with Walgreen's for damages.

VI. Lourdes Anne Tancinco, Esq., Immigration lawyer & Board Chairman of the Veterans Equity Center address the current focus of the INS on enforcement & reduce services. In effect, increasing the number of INS raids while sacrificing frontline services:

Ms. Tancinco addressed the Commission on her concerns for the potential change in policy of caused by the integration and reorganization of the Immigration Naturalization Services (INS) in the Department of Homeland Security. The

reorganization divides INS into two branches one dealing with services which is now called the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services and the other dealing with enforcement of immigration law which is called the Directorate for Border and Transportation Security. Since the change, there have been mass deportations.

VII. Director's Report:

Mr. Pham informed the Commission that 9 of the 16 Tier 1 Departments have turned in their compliance plan for the 2nd year.

He asked the Commission to start planning for the SF Immigrant Rights Summit this year.

On February 27, 2003 Mr. Pham, Commissioner Nwadibia, Commissioner Gonzalez & Commissioner Lau met with Harriot Ishimoto & Soyna Childress at KQED regarding the video footage of "The New Americans."

On March 6, 2003 Mr. Pham & Ms. Loi met with Sally Kinoshita, Deepti Sethi & Maximiliano Garde to talk about the DREAM Act.

VIII. Report from the Chair:

Commissioner Nwadibia informed the Commissioners about the Neighborhood meeting on January 10, 2003. The Vietnamese community addressed the Commission, Supervisor Chris Daly & Captain David Shinn about the lack of language translation.

Supervisor Chris Daly has sent a letter to the Police Department & the Housing Authority regarding the language issue.

IX. Update the status of the Summit Report-Commissioner Lau:

Commissioner Lau is finishing the Summit report.

She asked the Commissioners to read over the draft report & provide feedback. So far, she received comments from Commissioner Gonzalez & Commissioner Haile.

Due to the budget, there will not be enough funds to do the copies of the Summit report, so the plan is to send out a 2-page teaser summary of the Summit. If they would like to

complete copy, they would download it from the website or send us a request. As soon as the report is completed they would like to do a kick off with a press conference.

- X. **Backlash meeting-Commissioner Ribas:** Commissioner Ribas informed the Commission about the meeting regarding the effects of the 9/11 on immigrants. In the meeting, the participants were suggesting ways to improve the Police's sensitivity to these issues. They tried to bring members of the Police Department to talk about these issues. They will be meeting every month. The Human Rights Commission is very involved in this meeting.

- XI. **SFUSD meeting-Commissioner Huie:**

Commissioner Huie reported to the Commission on the SFUSD meeting regarding the Fairmount School. All the parents presented were able to address their concerns about the school.

- XII. **Program & Access Committee Report:** none

- XIII. **Policy & Legislation Committee Report:** none

- XIV. **Finance & Operations Committee Report:** none

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m



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- IV. Presentation
 - 1. David Still, Interim District Director & Rosemarie Fan Liaison from the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigrant Services (BCIS). Mark Riordian Interim District Director from Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Information/Discussion item) (30 minutes)
 - 2. Kathleen Kim from Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Trafficking Basics: What is Trafficking? (30 minutes)
- V. Draft of the resolution of the The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act), S.1291 and The Student Adjustment Act H.R. 1918.] (Discussion/Action item) (15 minutes)
- VI. Terms of the Commissioners (Information Item) (5 minutes)
- VII. Committee's Membership (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- VIII. Director's Report (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
 - 1. Anti-Trafficking Forum Conference
 - 2. Bilingual Sign-Dept. of Building & Inspection
 - 3. Day Labors
 - 4. Others
- IX. Draft of Summit Report- Commissioner Lau (Discussion/Action Item) (5 minutes)
- X. Backlash meeting - Commissioner Ribas (Information Item) (5 minutes)
Report on the result of the Backlash meeting at City Hall
- XI. Program & Access Committee Report (5 minutes)

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Immigrant Rights Commission
Minutes of Meeting on April 14, 2003

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, April 14, 2003 at City Hall, hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:00 p.m., Commissioners Nwadibia, Gonzalez, Gusukuma, Haile, Huie, Lau, Nguyen, Ribas, Tran were present. Commissioner Lau arrived at 5:10p.m. Commissioner Atay, Berumen, Casillas, Zheng were absent. Commissioner Ribas stepped down from the commission when the federal representative were making their presentation & rejoined at the end of their presentation.

Invited Guests David Still, Bureau of Citizenship & Immigrant Services
Rosemarie Fan, Bureau of Citizenship & Immigrant Services
Mitchell Rose, Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Nancy Alcantar, Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Kathleen Kim, Lawyers' Committee of Civil Rights

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director
Winny Loi, Commission Secretary
William Chan, Deputy City Attorney

II. Approval of minutes for Mar 13 2003:

Commissioner Gonzalez noted that the speaker's name for item IV was incorrectly spelled asked the proposed minutes be amended to correct the spelling. The Commission adopted the amendment. Commissioner Gonzalez then move to approve the minutes, as amend which Commissioner Haile seconded. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes, as amended.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Presentation:

1. Immigration & Naturalization Service Reorganization.
David Still, Interim District Director Bureau of Citizenship & Immigrant Services (BCIS) addresses the Commission on the effects of the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) reorganization on the provision of immigration services. Mr. Still explained that on March 1st, the INS was absorbed into

the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its functions were divided between two bureaus: the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services (BCIS) which provides immigration-related services to the public; and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) responsible for enforcing immigration and customs laws. In support of the DHS overall mission, the immediate priorities of the new BCIS are to promote national security, to continue eliminating backlogs in immigration/naturalization processing, to implement solutions for improving immigration customer services, and to improve the administration of benefits & immigration services for applicants by exclusively focusing on immigration and citizenship services.

Mitchell Rose, BICE, addressed the Commission's concerns regarding crimes that perpetrated against immigrants, whether documented or undocumented. Mr. Rose noted that criminal victims should contact the police and the District Attorney so that the criminals could be prosecuted. He points to the recent prosecution of an alleged immigration consultant by Santa Clara County for defrauding immigrants as an example. He informed the Commission that undocumented aliens who are victims of serious crimes, such as kidnapping, spousal abuse, human trafficking might be eligible to obtain either a U or T visa, provided that the victims assist and cooperate with the prosecution of the criminals.

2. Human Trafficking.

Kathleen Kim from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights informed the Commissioners on the problem of Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Traffickers lure their victims to the U.S. and then subject them to forced labor and/or prostitution. Victims are forced to work long hours for minimal wages often in unsafe conditions in violation of federal and state labor laws. Human trafficking has become a global problem affecting every continent and most countries. Trafficking victims can obtain legal & social services through the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

V. Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to

support the passage of and to urge the California Congressional delegation to vote for the Student Adjustment Act (H.R. 1918) and the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act - the DREAM Act - (S. 1291) which authorize the cancellation of removal and the adjustment of status for certain immigrant youths who are college bound and are long term United States residents and permit States to determine State residency for purposes of higher education without regard to immigration status.

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Haile. The Commission unanimously adopted the resolution.

VI. Terms of the Commissioners:

BOS appointtee

Vera Hiale Seat No. 1 6/6/2004,
Saif Ataya Seat No. 2 6/6/2004
Tamara Ribas Seat No. 3 6/6/2004
Seat No. 4 - vacant
Larisa Casillas Seat No. 5 6/6/2004
Emi Gusukuma Seat No. 6 6/6/2003
Seat No. 7 - vacant
Phu Nguyen Seat No. 8 6/6/2003
Houston Zheng Seat No 9 6/6/2004
Joseph Nwadibia Seat No. 10 6/6/2003
Juan Berumen Seat No. 11 6/6/2003

Mayor appointtee

Dr. Joaquin Gonzalez Seat No. 12 6/6/2004
Diana Lau Seat No. 13 6/6/2003
Isabel Huie Seat No. 14 6/6/2004
Marlene Tran Seat No. 15 6/6/2004

VII. Committee's Membership:

Commissioner Nwadibia has agreed to join the Policy & Legislation Committee.

VIII. Director's Report:

1. Anti Trafficking: Mr. Pham informed the Commissioners that he attended the Anti-Trafficking Forum Conference on 3/28.
2. The Commission has received calls from Supervisor McGoldrick's

office regarding the Department of Building Inspection's (DBI's) compliance with the Equal Access to Services Ordinance (EAS). Specifically, Supervisor McGoldrick's office was informed that the demolition notices from DBI were issued only in English. Mr. Pham & Ms. Loi met with Frank Chiu, DBI's Director & Elaine Warren, Deputy City Attorney to discuss this matter. Mr. Chiu informed us that DBI has been sending out notices in Chinese & Spanish to the neighbors who are within a radius of 300 feet from the project. He also has bilingual Chinese & Spanish staff to address any questions from monolingual speakers. Mr. Pham concluded that DBI is in compliance with the EAS.

3. Day Labors: Mr. Pham reported on his meeting with 3 Latino men to discuss their conflicts with coordinator of the Day Labor Program.

IX. Draft of Summit Report: Commissioner Lau asked if the Commissioners could review the draft report & give her feed back on those changes ASAP. The Summit report will be on the agenda next month for the Commission's consideration and approval.

X. Backlash meeting-Commissioner Ribas gave the following report on the backlash meeting:

- Captain John Ehrlich from the SF Police Department who is in charge of recruitment indicated that the Department will not hiring for any new officers in the next 1½ to 2 years. The Department, however, would like to meet with anyone to listen & brainstorm of any ideas for PR efforts & recruitment to increase the Department's assess ability to the community.
- Lieutenant Morris Tabak who is in charge of special investigations terrorism & hate crimes for the Department indicated that the Department is still complying with the City of Refuge Policy and the Patriot Act has not caused this to change.

XI. Program & Access Committee Report: Ms. Loi informed the Commission that Commisioners Casillas and Berumen were elected the Committee Chair & Vice Chair, respectively. The Committee reviewed the 2nd year plan & is working on a list of suggestions for improving access for immigrants on Muni.

XII. Policy & Legislation Committee: none

XIII. Finance & Operations Committee Report: The Committee met with Bill

Lee, the City Administrator, to talk about the Commission's line item budget in the City Administrator's budget. Mr. Lee informed the Committee that there was never a line item budget specifically for the Commission. The Commissioners asked Mr. Lee to list the Commission Budget as a separate budget item on the City Administrator's budget so the Commission will have some idea on expenses.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



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Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Date: May 12, 2003

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm

Place: City Hall

One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in
Hearing room 416

AGENDA

Note: Decision on any and all action items will be preceded by discussion and public comment

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of April Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- IV. Presentation by Assemblyman Leland Yee or a representative. (30 minutes)
 - 1. AB292 that bans the use of children as interpreters by any state department or agency, or by any organization receiving state funding.(Information/Discussion Item)
- V. Upcoming Neighborhood meeting (Discussion/Action Item) (15 minutes)
- VI. Director's Report (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
 - 1. Mayor's First Summit on Aging Planning Mtg.
 - 2. Others
- VII. Approval of Summit Report- Commissioner Lau (Discussion/Action Item) (15 minutes)
Set date for press release
 - 1. Summit Briefing & Summit Report Approval
 - 2. Press Conference Planning
- VIII. Program & Access Committee Report (Information Item) (5 minutes)
- IX. Policy & Legislation Committee Report (Information Item) (5 minutes)
- X. Finance & Operations Committee Report (Information Item) (5 minutes)
- XI. Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XII. Adjournment

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May 12, 2003

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Minutes of Meeting on May 12, 2003

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, May 12, 2003 at City Hall, hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call: Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:07 p.m., Commissioners Casillas, Gonzalez, Gusukuma, Haile, Huie, Lau, Nguyen, Ribas, Tran, Zheng were present. Commissioner Lau arrived at 5:07 p.m. Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:15 p.m. Commissioner Casillas arrived at 5:31 p.m. Commissioner Tran left at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Zheng left at 6:15 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Berumen, Nwadibia were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director, Winny Loi, Commissioner Secretary, William Chan, Deputy City Attorney

II. Approval of minutes for Apr 14 2003: Commissioner Haile move to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Gusukuma. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.

III. Public Comment: Marie-Lorraine Mallare a former Commissioner addressed the commission on the issue of Tagalog/Filipino bilingual education at the San Francisco Unified School District. The Filipino-American community considers Tagalog/Filipino bilingual education to be an integral part of the educational experience for Filipino youths. It is needed for the Filipino youths can maintain their cultural identity. The Vice Chair assigned this matter to the Policy & Legislation Committee for consideration.

IV. Presentation: AB292 that bans the use of children as interpreters by any state department or agency, or by any organization receiving state funding. No one from Assemblyman Yee's office appeared at the meeting.

V. Upcoming Neighborhood Meeting: The Commissioners decided to have one neighborhood meeting in the Sunset District on September 8, 2003. The Commission will invite Supervisors Tony Hall & Supervisor Fiona Ma to the meeting. The Commissioners would like to schedule another neighborhood meeting in the Excelsior District on November 10, 2003. The Commission will invite Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval to that meeting.

V. Director's Report:

Director Dang Pham asked the Commissioners to participate in the Mayor's First Summit on Aging on May 27, 2003 at the Herbst Theatre.

Mr. Pham gave each Commissioner a copy of the Board of Supervisors Resolution No.



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0249-03. This resolution urges City departments to consider conducting a CEDAW Gender Analysis an analysis of the impact on the city's equal access to city services for limited English speakers, of departmental budget cuts affecting city services to these individuals.

Two days ago, Mr. Pham received an e-mail from the City Attorney's office indicating that the Mayor's office recently rejected all proposals submitted in response to the amended RFP issue on August 26, 2002 for the Day Labor Program . The City intends to issue a new RFP for the program & the Mayor had requested Judith Blackwell, Director of Office of Contract Administration (OCA) to oversee the bid process. Her department will handle all of the RFP submissions.

Mr. Pham & Ms. Loi has been meeting with each department to go over the compliance plans. Letters regarding the implementation of the Equal Access to Service Ordinance for the Tier 2 department has been sent out.

Mr. Pham informed the Commission regarding a meeting with 2 FBI agents from the Oakland office. The agents indicated that they would like to meet and work with the Commissioners to address the concerns over treatments of Muslims & Arabic immigrants in San Francisco.

VII. Draft of Summit Report: Commissioner Lau reported on the progress in finalizing the Summit Report. She has found a printer willing to donate printing services. Commissioner Tran would like to see flyers advertising the report to be in Chinese & Spanish. Commissioner Tran requested the names of the Commissioners to appear in the front of the report and would like the complaint forms attached to the report. Commissioner Haile suggested adding the names of CBO that received awards during the summit. Commissioner Lau requested that the Commissioners should call, e-mail or fax her any typographical errors to her. Commissioner Haile move to approve the Summit Report, which was seconded by Commissioner Ribas seconded. The Commission unanimously adopted the Summit Report.

VIII. Program & Access Committee Report: none

IX. Policy & Legislation Committee: New meeting date for May 29, 2003. Commissioner Casillas would like to support the AB 292 & would like it to be on the agenda for next meeting.

X. Finance & Operatons Committe Report: The Committee reported that the City Administrator's budget did not include a budget line item for the Commission. Commissioner Huie would like to hire a grant consultant to do fund raise for a Summit in 2004.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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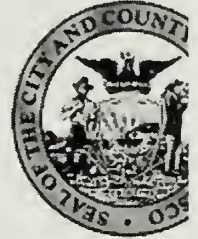
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Date: August 11, 2003

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm

Place: City Hall

One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in

Hearing room 416

AGENDA

Note: Decision on any and all action items will be preceded by discussion and public comment

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of May Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- IV. Presentation (20 minutes)
Representative from the District Attorney's office (Explanatory Documents) (Discussion Item)
- V. Ward Connerly Initiative (Explanatory Documents) (Discussion/Action Item) (20 minutes)
- VI. Director's Report (Discussion Item) (15 minutes)
 - 1. Meet with various Dept. regarding the second implementation of EAS
 - 2. Immigrant Pride Day for 2003 (Discussion/Action Item)
 - Organizer would like to know if the Commission supports this day. (Explanatory Documents)
 - 3. Others
- VII. Summit Report- Commissioner Lau (Discussion/Action Item) (15 minutes)
 - 1. Summit Briefing & Summit Report
- VIII. Neighborhood meeting (Discussion/Action) (10 minutes)
 - 1. Sunset Recreational Center 2201 Lawton St.
- IX. Finance & Operations Committee Report (Information Item) (5 minutes)
- X. Program & Access Committee Report (Information/Discussion/Action Item) (5 minutes)
 - 1. Need to appoint additional members to the committee
- XI. Policy & Legislation Committee Report (Information Item) (5 minutes)
 - 1. Tamara Ribas, Chair & Diana Lau, Vice Chair
- Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XII. Adjournment

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Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Date: September 8, 2003
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm
Place: Sunset Recreational Center
2201 Lawton St. San Francisco
AGENDA

Note: Decision on any and all action items will be preceded by discussion and public comment

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of May Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Resolution to Support Immigrant Pride Day (Explanatory Documents) (10 minutes)
(Discussion/Action Item)
- IV. Resolution- prop 54 (Explanatory Documents) (Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
- V. Summit Press Release (Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
- VI. Public Comment (Discussion Item) (80 minutes)
 1. Supervisor Fiona Ma
 2. SF Police Department
 3. Muni
 4. Rent Board
 5. Upwardly Global
- VII. Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- VIII. Adjournment

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Immigrant Rights Commission

Minutes of Meeting on September 8 2003

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, September 8, 2003 at Sunset Recreational Center located at 2201 Lawton Ave.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:44 p.m., Commissioners Bondoc, Casillas, Gonzalez, Haile, Lau, Nguyen, Tran, Zheng were present. Commissioner Tran left at 6:44 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Nwadibia, Huie, Ribas were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director
Winnie Loi, Commission Secretary

Welcome New Commissioner: Jose Ricardo Bondoc

II. Public Comment: The Commissioners invited Supervisor Fiona Ma, Lieutenant Dominic M Celaya of the SF Police Department, Carlos Colon from Muni, Joe Grubb from the Rent Board, Camille Ramani from Upwardly Global.

John Zhao, a parent, came to the Commission to address his concerns & concerns of other parents regarding the school district. His child lives near Lincoln High School, but his child is sent to Galileo to attend school. The total bus ride to & from school is 3 hours each day. John's child gets home at 7pm & completes her homework by 12am. She only gets 5 ½ hours of sleep each night. He feels that this unfair for his child. John also suggested to Muni to run a bus line closer to the school during school hours or even an express bus.

Monica Quach also another parent came to the commission to address her concerns of the school assignments. She also feels that it is unfair to the children & parents.

Supervisor Ma will be speaking with Muni to hold a public hearing to address the issues of the parents to provide more express bus service line.

The Commission will invite someone from the school board to address the parent's questions at next months meeting.

Jim Nakamura, Dominique Rodriguez, Tam Ted & Rig Samanl address their concerns of fairness for Taxi Drivers. A taxi driver may wait as long as 15 years to get his own permit, but if he's unable to work for 3 months, even if the cause is an accident on the job, he loses his taxi permit. When he returns to work, he's back at entry-level earnings for another 15 years. They feel that the law is so harsh that it has never



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been enforced since it was instituted 25 years ago. Public safety is jeopardized when aging taxi drivers are forced to drive more than they should. Proposition N benefits the public as well as the cab drivers.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked the Policy & Legislation to look into this matter.

Mr. Tran came to address his concerns of raising of the Vietnamese flag in front of City Hall. He feels that the Mayor's office should not put the Vietnamese flag when Vietnamese delegates come to the City & County of San Francisco.

III. Approval of minutes for May 12 2003:

Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Haile. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.

IV. Approval of Resolution supporting Immigrant Pride Day: Commissioner Haile moved to approve the resolution with a few changes. Changes on line 5 to line 7 states: Whereas 36.7% of residents of the City and County of San Francisco are immigrants who deserve the recognition, respect and dignity for their many contributions to the social, religions, cultural and economic life of our City, and; Commissioner Haile made a motion to pass the amended resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Casillas. The Commission unanimously adopted the resolution.

VI. Resolution opposing Prop 54: Commissioner Haile moved to approve the resolution with a few changes. Changes on line 14 on the first page: capitalize Initiative; on line 20-delete color; on line 1 & 2 on the Third page, Further Resolved, That the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission will conduct a press conference in September, 2003 to announce the adoption of this resolution and to address the Summit Report. Commissioner Haile made a motion to pass the amended resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Casillas. The Commission unanimously adopted the resolution.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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≡ Notice of Meeting and Agenda

OCT 14 2003

Date: October 16, 2003
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm
Place: City Hall-Room 408
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

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AGENDA

Note: Decision on any and all action items will be preceded by discussion and public comment

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of September Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. **Public Comment** (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
- IV. **Presentation** (20 minutes)
Representative from the San Francisco School District
(Information/Discussion Item)
- V. **Supervisor Gonzalez's Proposal** to allow non-citizen vote in the school Board (15 minutes)
elections (Discussion/Action Item)
- VI. **Day Labor Program** (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (15 minutes)
 1. Copy of the resolution by the BOS
 2. Resolution regarding management on the Day Labor Program
- VII. **Director's Report** (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
 1. Electing New Chair & Vice Chair for the Commission
- VIII. **Summit Report**- Commissioner Lau (Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
Update on Summit Report
- IX. **Finance & Operations Committee Report** (Information Item) (10 minutes)
 1. Appoint additional members to the committee
- X. **Program & Access Committee Report** (Information/Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
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- XI. **Policy & Legislation Committee Report** (Information/Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
 1. Tamara Ribas, Chair & Diana Lau, Vice Chair
 2. Appoint additional members to the committee
- XII. **Next Meeting's Agenda** (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XIII. **Adjournment**

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I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:10 p.m., Commissioners Gonzalez, Haile, Huie, Lau, Nguyen, Ow, Ribas, Tran, Zheng were present.
 Commissioner Tran left at 6:25 p.m. & Commissioner Ribas left at 6:58 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Bondoc, Casillas were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director, Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

Welcome New Commissioner: Richard Ow

II. Approval of minutes for May 12 2003:

Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes with a few changes. Correction on item number II on the last sentence of the last paragraph: He feel that the Mayor's office should not put the Vietnamese flag when Vietnamese delegates come to the City & County of San Francisco. Correction on the title for item number VI: Resolution opposing Prop 54. Commission Haile moved to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Lau. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.

IV. Presentation: San Francisco School District- Orla O'Keeffe, Executive Director for the Education Placement, Frank Tom, Assistant Superintendent of the High school of San Francisco & Gwen Chan, Chief Development Officer & Center came to the commission to address the issue of the concerned parents regarding neighborhood schools. Superintendent Ackerman is putting together a Transportation Task Force to do an assessment of all the transportation that's available & begin to review all the policy & procedures. They are also working on developing some proposals. The school district reserves at least 50% of the student's seats for students who live in the district. They also have any open choice system, where other children from other neighborhoods who can choose to go to any school even though they do not live in that district.

III. Public Comment: Sergio Canjura from Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS) came to the commission to express his concern regarding the resolution drafted by the Commission. He feels that the resolution does not address the issue of the day labor workers. He has been working on this issue for the past year & feels that there is misinformation on the draft resolution; he stated that the City & County of San Francisco has not been conducting a successful DLP. The Program has been controversial & political. It does not allow the MONS to finish the process of the RFP. It only addresses the needs of the agency & the day labors. He encourages the Immigrant Rights Commission to work with him & MONS to come up with the best solution for the laborers.

Captain Greg Corrales has been at the Mission Police station for about 2 years. He

knew that dealing with the DLP was one of the biggest challenges. He had a meeting with the Director of the DLP & also the workers. He felt that they had a good meeting, but he soon learned that he was overly optimistic. The former Director was incapable of compromise. He felt his duty was to get the program together with the neighborhood, but there were residents who were opposing the program. The Mission Police Department still received tremendous calls for service everyday. The neighbors complain about gambling & drinking on the sidewalks. He is willing to work with anybody & help these people get work. When the workers don't go along with the party line with the former program, they get cast out of the program & also threatened. He is looking for some organization whose priority is getting work for these people & looking out for their welfare & not into social activism.

Judith Berkowitz from the East Mission Improvement Association & the Coalition from the San Francisco Neighbors. She & the neighbors support a program, which is well run & responsive to the neighbors & the men on the street, but they do not support a politicized program, which does not address those needs. She finds it curious that the Commission is awarding moneys to a former member of the commission. On the resolution it states that the awarding of this money is to a month-to-month basis, which completely sidesteps the RFP process. Also awarding money to subcontracted performance is setting a very dangerous precedent. She would like to go on record to request a copy of the Committee minutes & any public comment if it was made, because this resolution has no input from anybody but from one entity. It is disingenuous of the Commission to move forward on this resolution without hearing from all parties. Before the Commission moves forward in awarding these moneys, she asked if the Commission considers doing a feasible study. She requests that Chair Gonzalez withdraw his resolution until all input has been taken to consideration.

Dindrako Zelana (DLP) spoke loudly into the microphone, which the comments he stated were not clear on the tape.

Pedro Rosas was a member of the DLP he does not believe in funding the DLP. He feels that the DLP is corrupt & the program only works for themselves. They fired him because he was telling the truth & now he does not have a job anymore.

Anamaria Loya the Director for La Raza Centro Legal (LRCL) gave the Commissioners some information about the DLP. (There was a folder & other materials handed out to the Commissioners) When the DLP gets funded they must follow very strict guidelines. She feels that the commission should play a role in developing the RFP & developing the criteria being used. She believes the commission is able to be neutral in the process. She feels that the MONS may not be capable of being neutral in developing an RFP & reviewing applications because they are currently defendants in a lawsuit filed by their agency. They have met with every neighborhood association in the neighborhood & also met with the individuals that testified tonight. They are also members of a task force & talked about Day Labor issues. They have been meeting regularly with the neighborhoods, sometimes they are able to reach an agreement & sometimes they cannot.

Julio Loyola member of the DLP asked if those funds be released to the DLP. Renee & Anamaria are not responsible for the labor's being expelled for the program. Workers meet every Friday & the workers determine if the other workers are expelled from the program. If the Commissioners were interested in their weekly meetings, that

they were welcome to come join them every Friday at 8 a.m. at the trailers.

Hector Valdez is the director of social services of the DLP. Since LRCL took over the DLP they have dramatically increased their services. He is asking the Commission to support the funding for the DLP.

Jose Alfaro is a member of the DLP. He states that the only way that the DLP runs properly is because of LRCL. He is on the site & not in the office. He states that the funding does not benefit LRCL, it only benefits the program.

James Collins from Mission Agenda is an organizer in the Mission district. He asked the commission to fund the DLP. He also was a day laborer on a day-to-day basis.

Alfonso Servin a member of the DLP, asked the commissioners to fund that program. The funding is necessary to continue their eleven-year history of helping the workers who do not have jobs & cannot speak English. Please allocate the funds to LRCL so the members of the DLP can have the services, which have always been given to them.

Maria Vivanco, student of USF. She is asking the Commission to advocate the funding be given to LRCL. LRCL has give services to the workers directly & indirectly. She asked the Commission to fund the DLP.

Epifania de Cortaza asked if the Commission could return the funding to LRCL. A mother who lost her child did not have funds to bury her child, but LRCL came up with the funds. The DLP also helps women workers find jobs.

Daniel Rosas he is a member of the DLP & Cesar Chavez street workers Association. He asked if the funding be given back to the DLP. Currently the DLP has about 200 workers.

Maria Perez is a member of the DLP. She is here to ask if the funding be returned the DLP. There are many men & women who benefit from the funding.

Eloria Hernandez De Candell asked if the Commission give the funding back to the DLP so that LRCL can continue to help them.

Jose Luis Candell is a member of the DLP. Many of those funds can help them. Those funds are very important to them. He knows that the Commission will make a good decision so the laborers can be helped.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. due to lack of quorum. .



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NOV - 6 2003

Date: November 10, 2003

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm

Place: City Hall-Room 416

One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place^{11-06-03A10:21 RCVD}

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AGENDA

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of September Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. **Summit Report-** Commissioner Lau (Discussion/Action Item) (15 minutes)
Update on Summit Report
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AGENDA

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- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of October Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. **Presentation** (15 minutes)
 1. Upwardly Global, Lisa Lepson- Director of Employer Partnership
 2. Active Voice, Sonya Childress, Director of California Strategies (15 minutes)
(Discussion/Action Item)
 - Letter of endorsement
- IV. **Diana's Report** (10 minutes)
Certificate of Honor for: Chinese American Citizens Alliance Grand Lodge & SF Lodge
60th Anniversary of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act
(Discussion/Action Item)
- V. **Director's Report** (Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
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Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Gonzalez, Ow were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director, Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

II. Approval of minutes for October 16, 2003:

Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Huie 2nd with two corrections. On item number IV, delete "the" on the beginning of the 2nd sentence & on item number 3, 3rd paragraph, 5th sentence, correct the spelling of the word precedent. Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Haile. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.

III. Presentation: Upwardly Global, Lisa Lepson-Director of Employer Partnership:

Upwardly Global helps unemployed & underemployed refugees and immigrants find growth positions that match their education, skills & experience. They offer immigrant clients a full range of career services, including individualized career placement & counseling, interview coaching by human resource professionals, connections to American professional peers for networking and mentoring, assistance with foreign degree/credential evaluation and re-licensing, and free access to career-related information and technology.

IV. Diana's Report:

1. Active Voice, Letter of Endorsement: Commissioner Haile approved the letter of endorsement, which was 2nd by Commissioner Bondoc. The Commission unanimously adopted the letter of endorsement.

2. Certificate of Honor for: Chinese American Citizen Alliance Grand Lodge & SF Lodge/60th Anniversary of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act:

Commissioner Huie moved to approve the certificate of honor & Commissioner Bondoc 2nd the motion. Commissioner Ribas add the word "the" on the certificate. The certificate should state "60th Anniversary of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act" The Commission unanimously adopted the amended certificate of honor.

V. Director's Report: Update of meetings related to the Day Labor Program:

2. Anamaria Loya, Executive Director of La Raza Centro Legal came to the commission to talk about the RFP process. They have been running the program without funding for the past 15 months. They have been waiting for RFP for 18 months. She mentioned that the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services is taking a long time to complete the process. She asked if the Immigrant Rights Commission could look into the process.

Last week Mr. Pham & Commissioner Casillas had a conference call with Jorge

William Bermudez a business owner on Cesar Chavez Street. He supports the Day Labor Program. The laborers did not commit any crimes. He urged the Commission to support the Day Labor Program & he also mentioned that he is not a friend of Renee Saucedo or Anamaria Loya.

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IX. Next meeting's Agenda: EAS future plans, Status on DLP & the RFP process, next neighborhood meeting & electing of Chair & Vice Chair.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
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 1. Nominee Joaquin Gonzalez & Diana Lau for Chair
 2. Nominee Tamara Ribas & Jose Ricardo Bondoc for Vice Chair
- IV. **Extending the leave of Absence for Saif Ataya** (Discussion/Action item) (10 minutes)
(Explanatory Documents)
 1. Letter from the Office of the Secretary of Defense
- V. **Upcoming neighborhood meeting** (Discussion/Action item) (10 minutes)
 1. Set date & time
 2. Discuss location
- VI. **Director Report** (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
 1. Status of the RFP process (10 minutes)
 2. Evaluation for Staff
- VII. **Finance & Operations Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (15 minutes)
 1. Provide update on Bilingual Services to San Francisco General Hospital
 2. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
- VIII. **Program & Access Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
- IX. **Policy & Legislation Committee Report** (Information/ Item) (5 minutes)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
- X. **Next Meeting's Agenda** (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XI. **Adjournment**

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San Francisco
 Immigration Rights Commission
 Minutes of Meeting on January 12 2004

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A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, January 12, 2004 at City Hall, Hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:14 p.m., Commissioners, Bondoc, Casillas, Gonzalez, Haile, Huie, Nguyen, Ow, Ribas, Tran, Zheng were present. Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:22; Ribas arrived at 5:24. Commissioner Zheng left at 6:00 p.m. & Commissioner Ow left at 6:15 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Lau were absent.

Others Present Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

II. Approval of minutes for December 8, 2003: Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes, which was 2nd by Commissioner Ow. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.

IV. Extending the leaving of Absence for Saif Ataya: Commissioner Haile approved the leave of absence for Commission Atay until March 2004, which was 2nd by Commission Ow. The Commission unanimously approves the leave of absence for Commissioner Ataya.

VI. Director's Report:

1. Status of the RFP process for the Day Labor Program: Mr. Pham was not available, so Ms. Loi spoke on his behalf. Mr. Pham has spoken to Sergio Canjura of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services & he informed that nothing is moving at this time-the process is pending until the new Mayor takes office.

2. Evaluation of Staff: Mr. Pham has spoken to the City Administrator & he has provided legal opinion from the city attorney's office regarding this matter. The City Administrator stated that the commission always can provide input into the staff evaluation process, but the City Administrator will be the person to evaluate the staff performance.

Ms. Saucedo spoke to the Commission about the waiting process of the RFP. She is opening the new building on Cesar Chavez Street on March. They are eager to get the RFP process moving.

III. Electing Chair & Vice Chair: Commissioner Casillas received 4 votes & Commissioner Lau received 6 votes for Chair. Commissioner Bondoc received 2 votes & Commissioner Ribas received 8 votes. Commissioner Lau is nominated to be Chair & Commissioner Ribas, Vice Chair.

VII. Finance & Operations Committee Report: Commissioner Huie, Bondoc, Nguyen, Ow & Zheng met with Gloria Orme, RN, MS, Director Patient Relations. Shirley Lee, RN was also present for the meeting. The committee made a visit to the SF General Hospital & received information from Ms. Orme. The Interpreter Services Unit had 15 full time employees. They are down 4.5 % because the Mayor's office is holding these positions because of budget crisis. To fill in the need for services, on-call interpreters

are used. Interpreter services are constantly needed from 8 a.m. to midnight. It is estimated that there are about 55,000 requests for language assistance a year. There is a new program to provide more interpretation services will start in February 2004. Laguna Honda does not have bilingual services even though they have bilingual employees. For next months committee meeting the Commissioner will meet with Laguna Honda.

VIII. Program & Access Committee Report: Commissioner Tran asked to invite someone from the Housing Authority & Muni to speak to the Program & Access Committee meeting.

IX. Policy & Legislation Committee Report: none.

Commissioner Gonzalez informed the commission that he received a few calls from immigrant city employees who work for the city who fear for their jobs due to budget cuts. He mentioned that they would come to the next commission meeting to speak. Commissioner Gonzalez received an invite from the Vietnamese community & informed the Commissioner to attend the New Year's Tet Festival on Sunday, January 18, 2004 at 11 a.m. ceremony will take place on Larkin & Ellis Street.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Date: February 9, 2004
 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm
 Place: City Hall-Room 416
 One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of January Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Presentation by Molly Stump City Attorney's Office (10 minutes)
(Information Item)
 1. Staff Performance Evaluation
- IV. Presentation by Yvonne Lee (Discussion/Action Item) (20 minutes)
 1. Decision 2004: Having Our Say in the Health Platform
- V. Commission to co-sponsor for this event.
- VI. Immigration Deportation -Cuevas family (Information Item) (20 minutes)
- VII. Preserve Affordable Housing- Jose Morales (15 minutes)
- VIII. Director Report (Discussion Item) (20 minutes)
 1. Status of the RFP of the Day Labor Program
 2. The 2nd Summit on Immigrant Rights
 3. Neighborhood Meeting
- IX. Finance & Operations Committee Report (10 minutes)
(Information/Discussion Item)
 1. Provide update on Bilingual Services
 2. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
- X. Program & Access Committee Report (Information/Discussion (10 minutes)
Item)
 1. Provide update on meeting with the Housing Authority
 2. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
- XI. Policy & Legislation Committee Report (Information Item) (5 minutes)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
- XII. Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XIII. Adjournment

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Immigrant Rights Commission
 Minutes of Meeting on February 9, 2004

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, February 9, 2004 at City Hall, Hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:10 p.m., Commissioners, Bondoc, Casillas, Gonzalez, Haile, Huie, Lau, Nguyen, Ow, Ribas, Zheng were present. Casillas arrived at 5:12 & Bondoc arrived at 5:15.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Tran were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director & Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

II. Approval of minutes for January 12, 2004: Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes, which was 2nd by Commissioner Haile. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.

III. Presentation by Molly Stump City Attorney's Office: The Immigrant Rights Commission is created by the Administrative codes as a body that has responsibilities that are important & of advisory nature. The Commission's role is to work on immigrant rights issues. The city has staff the immigrant right functions with two employees who are in place of the Department of Administrative Services.

Commissioner Huie would like to set up an Adhoc committee to address the issue of the staff evaluation. Ms. Stump asked the Commission to put this item on the agenda for next month's meeting.

V. Immigration Deportation-Cuevas family:

Dale Cuevas spoke to the Commission regarding his family status of being deported by the Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement. He has been living in the country for the past 19 years. He has been going to school to get an education & also he has been paying taxes for the past 8 years. He asked if the Commission could support his family so they can stay here in America.

Juan Francisco & Brian Caccacho, close friends of Dale, came to the Commission to ask to support him so that the Cuevas family can stay in America.

Robin Rodriguez from the Critical Filipino Studies Collective Group came to the Commission to support the Cuevas family. She asked if the Commission could adopt a resolution to advise the Mayor & the Board of Supervisors to support the Cuevas family.

Renee Pasqual is the vice chair of the National Federation Filipino American Association. He asked if the Commission could pass resolution supporting the stay of the Cuevas family.

Dominic & Donna Cuevas asked the Commission to please help their family so they can stay here in America.

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Nelson is a good friend of the Cuevas family. He asked if the Commission would support the Cuevas family so they can stay here in the United States.

Joren Lyons, staff attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, asked if the Commission call upon Senator Feinstein and ask for her support.

Commissioner Gonzales has written up a resolution that he would like the Commission to endorse. The resolution strongly urges the Mayor & the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to ask Senator Dianne Feinstein & Representative Pete Stark to respond immediately to the Cuevas family to request for immigration assistance. The two resolved at the end, The Immigrant Rights Commission strongly urges the Mayor & the BOS to immediately request Senator Feinstein & Representative Pete Stark to secure a voluntary departure deferral from the US Department of Homeland Security. And be it further resolved that the Immigrant Rights Commission immediately request Senator Feinstein to act favorable on legislation legalizing their stay as she has done so in a similar case last year.

The Commission needs to notice the resolution as an item as an action item for next Commission meeting. The Commission will meet on Friday, Feb. 6th at 8 a.m. in Room 421.

- V. **Preserve Affordable Housing-Jose Morales:** Mr. Morales is a low-income senior who does not want to be evicted. He asks for the Commission support on denying the permit appeal at 572 San Jose Avenue.
- IV. **Presentation by Yvonne Lee-Decision 2004, Having Our Say in the Health Platform:** Yvonne was not present at the time; Commissioner Lau asked if the Commission would like to support Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum to Hold Having Our Say –an Educational forum on the Health Platform for Decision 2004. On Friday, April 2, 2004, community organizers, medical professional, health advocates, students and other key decision makers will come together to discuss and debate an Asian Pacific American health policy platform that should guide future federal policies on API health. Commissioner Haile moved to support this Event, which was seconded by Commissioner Ow. Commissioner Bondoc volunteered to donate two hundred dollars. Commissioner Ow suggested that we ask MOCD (Mayor's Office of Community Development) to see if they would donate funds to support this event, before Commissioner Bondoc donates to this event.
- VII. **Director Report:**
 - 1. **Status of RFP:** Mr. Pham has met with Director Joe Caruso of Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Robert Ortega, Latino Community Liaison & William Lee the City Administrator's, to talk about the issue of the Day Labor Program (DLP). Mr. Pham & Mr. Ortega went to Volunteers of America in Oakland to gather more information. Mr. Pham & Ms. Loi also met with two owners on Cesar Chavez. Due to the fact that laborers hanging out in the storefront waiting for work, Mr. Rodriguez & Mr. Gavem has lost lots of business. The labor's drink alcohol, do drugs, urine & defecate in front of the store or in the garage. The owners have to clean their streets everyday. They also specified that the freeway off ramp where the labors hang out is very dangerous, & many accident's have happen. They suggested finding a bigger building with restroom stalls & a place where employers can pick up these laborers

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would be safer for the community. Mr. Pham will also continue to meet with other owners that work on Cesar Chavez.

2. The 2nd Summit on Immigrant Rights: Mr. Pham also talked about the next Summit for the Immigrant Rights Commission. The public has been asking about when we will have our 2nd Summit. Currently funding is a problem, so we need to see if we can find some sort of funding before we can move forward.

3. Neighborhood Meeting: Next months Neighborhood meeting will be held at the Women's Building on March 8, 2004, Monday at 6-8 p.m.

VII. Finance & Operations Committee Report: Commissioner Huie, Zheng & Ow are planning to meet with Laguna Hospital to address their concerns of bilingual services.

VIII. Program & Access Committee Report: Commissioners Tran, Casillas & Bondoc spoke with Buddy Choy with the Housing Authority. They have made a few recommendations & have sent a letter to Greg Fortner, Director of Housing Authority regarding their concerns.

IX. Policy & Legislation Committee Report: none.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

Notice of Special Meeting and Agenda

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Date: February 13, 2004
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Place: City Hall-Room 421
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
AGENDA

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- I. **Roll Call**
II. **Immigration Deportation –Cuevas family (Discussion/Action Item)** (30 minutes)
Consider resolution to urge the Mayor & BOS to support Cuevas Family
III **Adjournment**

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO.

[IRC Response to Cuevas Family Immigrant Rights case]

Resolution strongly urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to ask Senator Diane Feinstein and Representative Pete Stark to respond immediately to the Cuevas family request for immigration assistance.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is a City of Refuge for all immigrants from the world and the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, just like many major cities in the United States, is the home and the workplace of both legal and illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, according to US Census 2000, the City and County of San Francisco is the home of more than 40,000 immigrants of Filipino descent and the workplace of more than 100,000 immigrants of Filipino descent; and

WHEREAS, according to US Census 2000, the City and County of San Francisco is the home of more than 110,000 immigrants of Asian descent and the workplace of thousands of immigrants of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, according to US Census 2000, the San Francisco Bay Area is the home and workplace of more than 350,000 immigrants of Filipino descent; and

WHEREAS, the Cuevas family is considered by the Filipino and Asian communities in the City and County of San Francisco as part of their family and community; and

WHEREAS, the Cuevas family is considered by the immigrant communities in the City and County of San Francisco as part of their extended family and community; and

WHEREAS, the Cuevas family members have lived in the United States for 19 years and have been role model citizens in the community; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Cuevas family has made efforts towards legalizing their status for
2 more than 10 years; and

3 WHEREAS, the Cuevas family application for legal status has gone through the Ninth
4 Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, but to no avail; and

5 WHEREAS, the Cuevas children have spent all or most of their lives in the U.S. and
6 are ages 24, 23 and 19 years old, having graduated or presently studying at California State
7 University-Hayward, De Anza College and San Jose State University; and

8 WHEREAS, the Cuevas family are being asked to 'voluntary depart the United States
9 before February 17, 2004' by the US Department of Homeland Security; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Diane Feinstein has previously sponsored legislation that granted
11 permanent residency to a Mexican family who was in similar situation as the Cuevas'; and

12 WHEREAS, The Immigrant Rights Commission is charged with improving the quality of
13 life of immigrants, legal or illegal, within our community, including the Cuevas family; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the
16 Board of Supervisors to immediately request Senator Diane Feinstein and Representative
17 Pete Stark, to secure a voluntary departure deferral from the US Department of Homeland
18 Security; and, be it

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20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission strongly urges the
21 Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to immediately request Senator Diane Feinstein, to act
22 favorably on legislation legalizing their stay as she has done so in a similar immigration case;
23 and, be it
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall send a copy of this resolution to Senator Diane Feinstein, Representative Pete Stark, and US Department of Homeland Security.




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Immigrant Rights Commission

February 13, 2004

Immigrant Rights Commission

Minutes of Meeting on February 13, 2004

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Friday, February 13, 2004 at City Hall, Hearing room 421.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 8:30 a.m., Commissioners, Bondoc, Casillas, Gonzalez, Haile, Huie, Lau, Ow & Zheng were present. Casillas arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Nguyen, Ribas & Tran were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director, Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

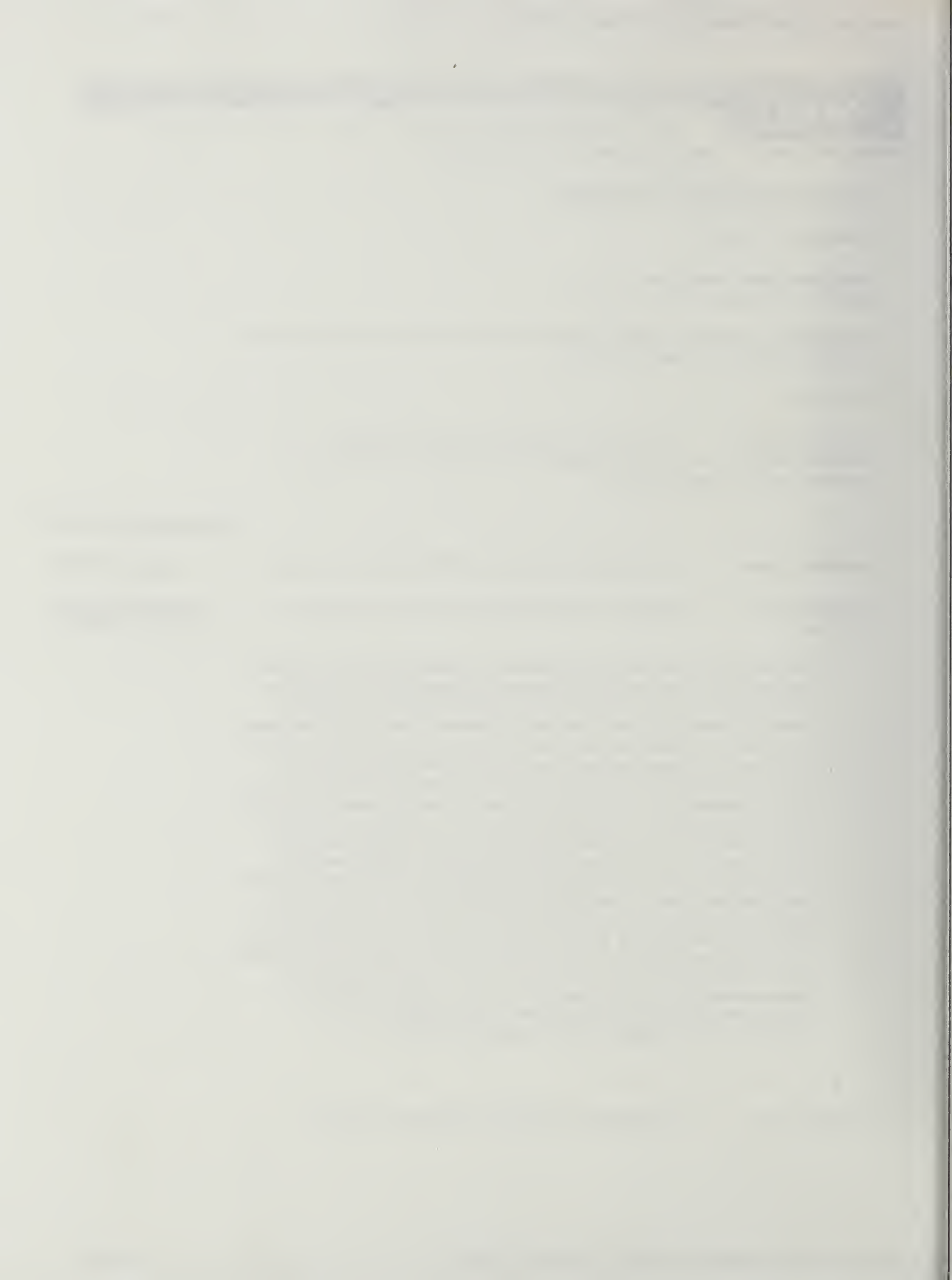
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- Immigration Deportation -Cuevas Family:** The commissioners have adopted the resolution strongly urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to ask Senator Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer and Representative Pete Stark to respond immediately to the Cuevas Family request for immigration assistance. Commissioner Gonzalez has made a few changes on the resolution. On the 2nd page on line 22: Further Resolved, that the Immigrant Rights Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to immediately request Senator Feinstein, to act favorably on legislation legalizing their stay of Delfin Cuevas, Angelita Cuevas, Dominique Cuevas, and Donna Cuevas; as Senator Feinstein has done so in a similar immigration case; involving a family from Mexico; and be it Further Resolved, that the Immigrant Rights Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to immediately request Senator Barbara Boxer to coordinate with Senator Dianne Feinstein on the legislation legalizing the stay of Delfin Cuevas, Angelita Cuevas, Dominique Cuevas, and Donna Cuevas; and, be it Further resolved, that the Secretary of the Commission shall send a copy of this resolution to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative Pete Stark, and US Department of Homeland Security. Commissioner Bondoc made a motion to adopt the amended resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Haile. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended resolution.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.





CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Amend Notice of Meeting and Agenda

MAR - 5 2004

Date: March 8, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Women's Building in the Audre Lorde Room
3543 18th Street between Valencia &
Guerrero

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AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of February 9th & 13th Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to oppose Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to eliminate state guarantees which ensure that low-income immigrants have access to health and social services. (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (15 minutes)
- IV. Angela Calvillo, Legislative Aid for Supervisor Tom Ammiano (90 minutes)
Acting Chief Heather Fong
Captain Greg Corrales- SF Police Department
Carlos Colon-MUNI
Maria Cora- Department of Public Health
Santiago Ruiz-Mission Neighborhood Center
Juanita Flores-Mujeres Unidas y Activas
Anamaria Loya-La Raza Centro Legal
Melba Maldonado-La Raza Resource Center
- V. Adjournment

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Immigrant Rights Commission

March 08, 2004

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- = Minutes of Meeting on March 8, 2004

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, March 8, 2004 at the Women's Building in the Audre Lorde Room on 3543 18th Street.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 6:30 p.m., Commissioners, Bondoc, Casillas, Haile, Huie, Lau, Nguyen, Tran & Zheng were present. Commissioner Tran arrived at 6:30 & left at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Zheng left at 7:30 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Gonzalez, Ow, Ribas & were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director, Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

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- **Approval of minutes for February 9th:** Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Haile & Casillas amended the minutes with a few changes: on item number V. 4th paragraph should read Renee Pasqual is the vice chair of the National Federation Filipino American Association. On the Director's Report, correct the word laborers. On item number VIII. correct Buddy Choy. Letter was sent to Greg Fortner, Director of Housing Authority. Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Nguyen. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.
- **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to oppose Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to eliminate state guarantees which ensure that low-income immigrants have access to health and social services.** Commissioner Haile moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Casillas amended the resolution with a few changes. On the second page the 4th whereas, the proposed budget cuts will increase hunger, homelessness, and public health risks, including elder abuse & domestic violence. Commissioner Haile moved to approve the amended resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Casillas. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.
- **Acting Chief Heather Fong** spoke to the commission & the community about the changes & improvements in the community. Their department will have more open discussions and are also working on a new project called crime mapping. Crime mapping is a map that tells you how many incidents have happened in the area, so that the department can pay more attention to these crimes. Each individual can log on to the website to see what kind of crime is happening in the neighborhood. They are still working on this new crime mapping system, to understand how to use it when the public calls.

Captain Corrales discusses the issues of the day laborers. He mentioned that recently the laborers have been working but are not getting paid. The police department is looking into this issue to hopefully resolve this. First of all that they need these immigrants to report these cases in order for them to track it. They can only crack down on crime if the crimes are being reported.

Angela Calvillo, Legislative Aid for Supervisor Tom Ammiano: Supervisor Ammiano is currently in Washington D.C. lobbying for transportation dollars, he will be back on Wednesday morning, so she is here to answer any questions. Ms. Calvillo & Brad Benson is the two aids for the Supervisor. Supervisor Ammiano was Board President from 2000 to 2003. He ran and lost for mayor last year. He specifically asked Ms. Calvillo to pay close attention to the Mission District. Several years ago, Supervisor Ammiano offer a legislation to make San Francisco a sanctuary city and also a raid free zone. In the year 2000 they put together a task force to deal with the day labor issues. It was collaboration between the Day Labor Program & the neighbors who lived along the Cesar Chavez corridor. This task force lasted for 9 months. Supervisor Ammiano took the \$160,000 fund from the Mayor's Office & place it with the Immigrant Rights Commission, so when the RFP has a bid the Commission can administer the funds. However the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS) is still in charge of creating the RFP. After the MONS figures out the settlement, they would make up their mind if they would finish the RFP or the IRC. Supervisor Ammiano would like it if the IRC finalize the RFP.

Carlos Colon with Muni: Maria Luisa Osacar, is a social worker on Valencia for people over 60 & the disabled, asked if there is anyway to help the elderly folks. If they fall down & hurt themselves they cannot see the number on the bus & report it. She suggested if there is a way to make a small card or a sticker with the buses id number so that they can just take one if they need it. Many elderly folks cannot see too clearly, so it would be difficult for them to write the bus number. Julio Loyola, also from the public, asked if the cameras are useful in buses, because so many crimes happen on the buses each day. Only when a crime has happen & someone reports it to SFPD, SFPD will review those tapes.

Maria Cora, Department of Public Health: The Department of Public health provides culturally competent health care services through our primary care system of community health centers, San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital. This is a challenging time for the Department of Public Health due to the budget cuts. In attempting to better utilize resources and fulfill our goal of 'any door, the right door' DPH is currently in the process of integrating our mental health and substance abuse sections, now called Community Behavioral Health Services. Another effort being made is the establishment of the McMillan Stabilization Center which will provide an option for the mobile units responding to public inebriates instead of clogging the emergency room. DPH is also involved with other City departments in addressing the issue of homelessness; we administer supportive housing programs with health services located on site. She personally coordinates the Office of Women's Health focused on DPH policies and services for the diversity of San Francisco's population of women and girls. Her scope of work is outlined in the 'SFDPH Women's Health Plan: Partnering in Wellness with Women and Girls in San Francisco 2003-2006' available on the DPH website www.dph.sf.ca.us. One of the six core recommendations made in this plan encourages ensuring the health of vulnerable populations of women by enhancing access to health services; immigrant newcomer women are one of the groups highlighted. The office of Women's Health works closely with the Commission & Department of Status in Women which coordinates the funding distribution for services addressing violence against women and girls; this budget might also be affected by the impending City budget cuts. Ms. Cora agreed to help clarify concerns raised about Chinese languages accessibility at San Francisco General Hospital; she also will provide to the IRC a listing of

community health centers and hours of operation.

Juanita Flores Director of Muerjers: Their organization basically helps Latin American women to become stronger. They help them to utilize their women rights & acts of social justice. The organization wants to help these women to become leaders. They provide information for legal services. They also encourage self-efficiency. They have programs which helps them work in a self sufficient way & to become independent. They also encourage other groups to work with them to fight injustice.

Xuan Quan & Wing Tze came to the commission to talk about the Bilingual Services for Cantonese translators in SF General Hospital. Ms. Quan is a patient in SF General Hospital, she is pleased that there are bilingual services for the Chinese & Asian community. The Bilingual services for Chinese & Mandarin were cut since December 2003. However there are still services for Spanish & English. Many patients complain about these issues. She brought a letter to the Administration to complain about these services begin cut. She personally brought the letter to the Administrator's assistant. Since the letter was given the Administration, she has not received a reply since last year. Ms. Cora will take the letter & will give it to the patient advocate & they will respond.

Julio Loyala is an immigrant who finds work on the streets. He also found work through the Day Labor Program (DLP). The DLP has provided him with lots of services. He was able to take advantage of these services. He asked if the Immigrant Rights Commission could move forward with the RFP process so that they can have more services, which can help these immigrants. Ms. Calvillo responded to Mr. Loyala telling him that currently the RFP is still in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS). Since La Raza Central Legal is suing the MONS, their office is dealing with the settlement, before making this decision. After the MONS figures out the settlement, they would make up their mind if they would finish the RFP or the IRC.

Maria Luisa Osacar District-wide Social worker, mission district, they want to know what is going to happen to the CAPI & CALM program.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.





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Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00pm
Place: City Hall-Room 416
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

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- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
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- XII. **Adjournment**

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April 12, 2004

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Minutes of Meeting on April 12, 2004

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, April 12, 2004 at the City Hall, Hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:15 p.m., Commissioners, Bondoc, Casillas, Gonzalez, Huie, Lau, Ow, Nguyen, Ribas, Tran & Zheng were present. Commissioner Casillas arrived at 5:28 p.m. & Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:25 p. m. & left at 6:30 p.m.

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Members Absent Commissioner Atay & Haile were absent.

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Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director, Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

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- **Approval of minutes for March 8th:** Commissioner Bondoc moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Ow. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.
- **Carlos Colon from Muni:** Mr. Colon came to address an item on last month meeting. Muni is planning to have a take one brochure on the bus, if someone has an issue on the bus, that person could take a take one from the bus. Muni is also creating a passenger response card with a brochure to explain how to use it, in English, Chinese & Spanish. The response cards are post card size on every single bus; you will be able to write down the line number, operator number, bus number, the date & time & comments. Nicholas a student from USF asked about the cut of the 5 Fulton bus, the students do not want that cut. Mr. Colon suggested the students call 673-muni to vocalize their opinion so they will make a note of that. If the department receives many calls, they may reconsider the cut.
- **Amend bylaws to add to Adhoc Committee:** A suggestion from the ED, that the Adhoc Committee will be referred to the Finance & Operations Committee for discussion. Commissioner Ow approve of the Adhoc committee be referred to the Finance & Operations Committee & was seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. The Finance & Operations Committee meets every first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. at 965 Mission St. Room 705.
- **RFP for Public Department of Justice:** Director Pham explains that the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, is again soliciting grant proposals for a public education program concerning rights of victims of employment discrimination and the responsibilities of nationality Act (INA). OSC will conduct a competitive grant awards programs open to community-based organizations, other nonprofit organizations, and state & local

government. The smallest grant is \$35,000 & the largest is \$100,000. Due date is on May 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Washington D.C. time. He will go forward with this proposal grant. Director Pham will be working with a volunteer named Rachel to put this proposal together. Commissioner Gonzalez moves to allow the ED to write the grant proposal for this RFP. Commissioner Ow seconded the motion. The Commissioner unanimously approve of the grant proposal. Commissioner Ribas abstain, due to the fact that she works for the Federal Government.

Public Comments-Maria wanted to talk to the Commission about the immigration problem about her husband. Her husband will be deported back to the Philippines. This has been a problem for the past 2 years. Commission Gonzalez suggested Director Pham to speak to Senator Feinstein's office. City Attorney Molly Stump reads the ordinance, which establishes the Immigrant Rights Commission, which states very specific, that the Commission should advise & make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors & the Mayor about issues affecting immigrants residing in San Francisco. Eric, Jennifer & Ali a freshman of USF, asked the commission if there is anything else the commission could do to help Maria. Ali suggested a general template letter for the Commission could send out to support all cases. Commissioner Casillas suggested if the students of USF contact Congress Tom Lantos, he has a very good record on immigration. Director Pham will make a direct call the Senator Dianne Feinstein's office regarding this issue.

- **Director's report: Update on the Status of the RFP of the Day Labor Program (DLP):** Director Pham has had two meeting with staff of Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS) & the City Attorney's office. The final draft is at the MONS after review by the City Attorney's office, now the draft needs to be signed off by a few departments, such as Human Rights Commission, Office of Contract Administration, and the Mayor's office. The proposed conference tentatively is set for April 26, 2004 and deadline for submission of written questions & request for clarification regarding the RFP is for May 3, 2004, proposal due date is May 24, 2004, & the notification of the finalist June 6, 2004. These dates are tentatively set for now.

Press conference about the Justice for New Americans: Commissioner Ow informed Director Pham about this press conference. Director Pham attended this press conference on Tuesday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 278. Justice for New Americans applauds the United States Army's announcement that it has dropped all criminal charges against Captain James Yee. They demand that the U.S. Government issue a formal apology to him, his family, and his community.

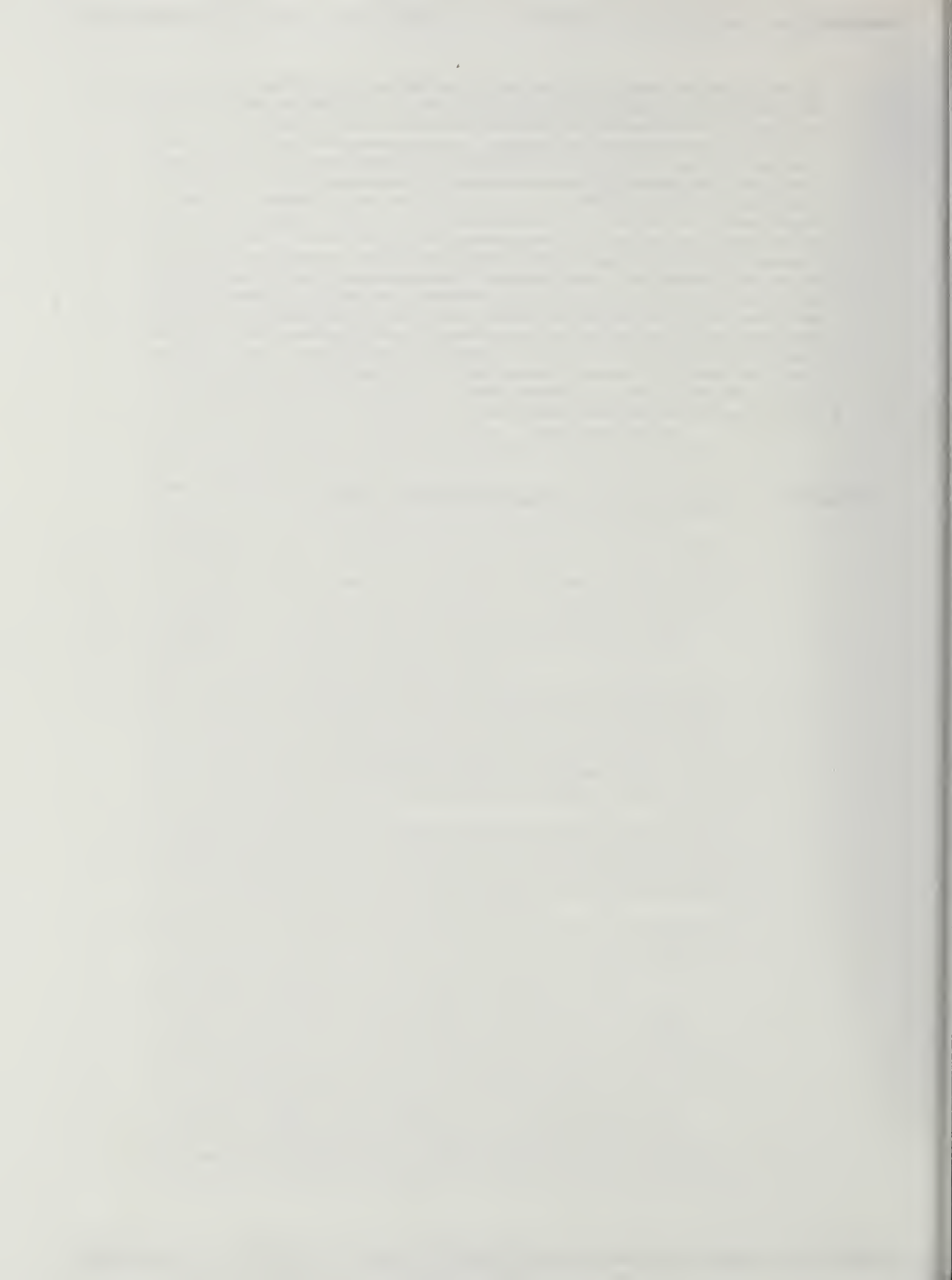
The Cuevas Family: The Cuevas family has been approved to stay in the US for an additional 90 days due to Senator Feinstein. She stepped in and spoke to Bureau Citizenship Immigration Services (BCIS) to extend their stay so they take care of the legal matter. Senator Feinstein personally reviewed the Resolution that was passed by the Immigrant Rights Commission.

- **Planning for next neighborhood meeting:** The Commission will hold the June 14th meeting in Chinatown from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Casillas recommends using Chinese of Affirmative Action (CAA) & Commissioner Zheng recommends using the Recreational Center in Portsmouth Square.
- **Finance & Operations Committee Report:** The Committee met with the Pharmacy in San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) & they found out that medication instructions are not printed in Chinese, but they were available in Spanish. SFGH does not have any Latino Pharmacist. Commissioner Huie would like to recommend to the hospital if they will print the medication in Chinese & also to develop a scholarship program, so they would have more Latino candidates to pursue a Pharmaceutical career. James, freshmen of USF, suggested if the City could come up with a computerized software program that could be distributed citywide. Commissioner Lau suggested if the city could pull the drug companies together for a roundtable discussion & ask them

for their suggestions about providing instructions in a few languages, so that the patients can read understand the use of the product. This would be in their best interest. Commission Huie also suggested if the Pharmaceutical Company could come up with the scholarship program. Commissioner Huie found out that Chinatown does not have printed medication; they write it on the bottles. Commissioner Lau informed the Commission that the Chinese Community Health Summit on May 26, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Golden Gateway on Van Ness. They will talk about keys to health care access in opening the door of bilingual, bicultural services.

- **Program & Access Committee Report:** Commissioner Casillas has been in contact with Ted Wang about EAS & also about Program & Access Committee so they can work closely together. She learned that there is a coalition led by the Law Center for Families, working in Alameda County. They are working on Language access & addressing barriers to services, due to language issues. She suggested that Ted Wang of CAA could attend their Program & Access Committee meeting first before speaking to the whole commission. February meeting, Commissioner Tran met with Ms. Lynch.
- **Policy & Legislation Committee Report:** none.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.





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- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Discussion/Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of February 13 & April 12 Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
- III. **Public Comment**
- IV. **Possible Resolution: Regarding the police shooting of Chinese Immigrant** (30 minutes)
(Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents: Draft Resolution)
Public Comment
- V. **General Discussion regarding deportation issues** (Discussion Item) (20 minutes)
Public Comment
- VI. **Director Report** (Information Item) (15 minutes)
 1. Update on Status of the RFP of the Day Labor Program
 2. Update regarding Grant Proposal to the US Department of Justice
 3. Report on Meetings AttendedPublic Comment
- VII. **Proposal to Hold A Public Hearing for the Equal Access to Services Ordinance** (Discussion/ Action) (Explanatory Documents: none)
Public Comment
- VIII. **June Chinatown Neighborhood Meeting -Approval of meeting plan including location & invitees** (Discussion/Action)
Public Comment
- IX. **Finance & Operations Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
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RESOLUTION

Regarding the police shooting of Chinese immigrants in San Francisco

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WHEREAS, there is no other more important priority to the San Francisco Police Department than the protection of human life and that this belief needs to be reflected in every aspect of police conduct; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Police Department treats all those they serve equally regardless of sex, race, immigration status, language ability, lifestyle, or the primary reason for police contact, without compromising integrity or abusing powers in any circumstances; and

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WHEREAS, the San Francisco Public Defender, Jeffrey Adachi, also questioned if proper police force was used in dealing with the incidents where both victims, Chinese immigrants from the Toisan province of Guangdong, spoke only the Toisanese dialect and both appeared to be emotionally unstable and were receiving mental health care in the period around the time of the shooting; and

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RESOLVED that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission to take all appropriate measures to

prevent any similar tragedies from happening again in San Francisco. The San Francisco Police Department should provide regular trainings in cultural, language, cultural sensitivity, mental health issues and safe handling of situations using the minimal force necessary. Recruitment efforts also need to be stepped up to recruit more bilingual patrol officers. Internal policies on police officers' preference on stations need to be balanced against the need of bilingual officers for the community. Should there be any budgetary implications for the above, we hope that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors would fully support the Police Department in their efforts in trainings, recruitment and improvement and streamlining of their operations.


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Immigrant Rights Commission

May 10, 2004

- ≡ Immigrant Rights Commission
- ≡ Minutes of Meeting on May 10, 2004

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, May 10, 2004 at the City Hall, Hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:15 p.m., Commissioners, Casillas, Escobedo, Haile, Huie, Kaff, Lau, Ow, Nguyen, Ribas, Tran & Zheng were present. Commissioner Ribas arrived at 5:28 p.m. & Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:25 p. m. & left at 6:30 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Bondoc, Gonzalez & Dang Pham, Executive Director were absent.

Others Present Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

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- **Approval of minutes for Feb 13th:** Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Ow. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes. **Approval of minutes for April 12th:** Commissioner Casillas amended the minutes on item IX, 2nd sentence should read: She learned that there is a coalition led by the Law Center for Families, working in Alameda County. Commissioner Haile had an excused absence on this meeting. Commissioner Tran has met with Ms. Lynch on February Committee meeting. Commissioner Ow moved to approve the amended minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Casillas. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes. Two abstain.

Welcome two new commissioners: Commissioner Deborah Escobedo & Svetlana Kaff.

- **Public Comment:** None.
- **Possible Resolution Regarding the police shooting of Chinese Immigrant:** Commissioners want to hold off on the resolution until next month, so the Commissioner can have time to review before the Neighborhood meeting. Commissioner Ribas suggested getting information from the police department about their training, policy & procedure that deal with individuals dealing with mental health issues, as well as language barriers. This resolution will be postponed until next months meeting as a discussion & action item.
- **General Discussion regarding deportation issues:** The Commission should find an immigration lawyer & a Supervisor to talk about issues pertaining to deportation issues. They also suggested, by listening to others, even though they do not live in the city of San Francisco, that the Commission can gather information & also suggest to them who they can call & what they can do to

help them. By hearing these stories, the commission may gain knowledge & are able to make recommendations to the BOS & the Mayor. The Commissioners suggested that we invite Mark Silverman with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center; he does training on immigrant law for lawyers & paraprofessionals. He can provide the commission with updates & advise the commission how to deal with these problems. Commissioner Escobedo made a motion to invite Mr. Silverman which was seconded by Commissioner Ow.

- **Director's report: Update on the Status of the RFP of the Day Labor Program (DLP):** Ms. Loi read Director Pham's report. There is no new development related to the draft RFP. Mr. Pham spoke to Robert Ortega of Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; the draft of the RFP has been sent to Mayor Gavin Newsom's office for his review and approval a few weeks ago. We are still waiting for the decision of the Mayor in this matter.

Grant Proposal to the US Department of Justice (DOJ): Staff worked with Rachel Owsely to develop a grant proposal to seek \$100,000 from the Office of Special Counsel of US Department of Justice to perform an education outreach project targeting the immigrant community. This is a one-year project.

Proposal to hold a public hearing on the EAS: Last month, Ted Wang of the Chinese of Affirmative Action (CAA) met with Commissioner Casillas, and then later with Mr. Pham & Ms. Loi to discuss of the status of the third year implementation of the EAS. He would like to propose that the City should hold another public hearing on the matter. Mr. Pham suggested to Ted that the Board of Supervisor should be the one to hold this hearing. Ted agreed and indicated that he will contact a few Supervisors to request that they sponsor this hearing.

According to Ted's e-mail sent to Supervisor Ma's office and copy to Mr. Pham, the Board should ask city departments for a written response on how their proposed budgets will affect implementation of the ordinance, including the potential lay-off of the bilingual employees. Supervisor Maxwell is willing to co-sponsor for this proposal.

Other meetings: Mr. Pham met with Mrs. Orla O'Keefe, Coordinator of the Student Placement Center of the San Francisco Unified School District. The purpose of this meeting to learn in details of the placement process for the immigrant students, especially Chinese students.

April 7th, Mr. Pham attended the reception in SF to announce the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund was established by a coalition of corporate and national community leaders. The fund also received the support from Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Gates Millennium Scholars and United Negro College Fund.

April 14th, Mr. Pham met with Dr. Sriprapha, Director of the Human Rights Studies & Social Development of Mahidol University in Thailand. She was here as the Eisenhower Fellow and would like to learn more about the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC).

April 16th, Mr. Pham & Ms. Loi met with Ted Wang & Le Quach about the status of the third year implementation of the EAS. Ted would like to work closely with the Commission in this issue.

April 22nd, He met with Bik Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California. He wants to learn more about the IRC.

April 29th, he attended the Mayoral signing ceremony to proclaim the month of May is the Asian American & Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in City Hall.

- **Proposal to Hold a Public Hearing for the Equal Access to Services Ordinance:** Commissioner Casillas met with Ted Wang of CAA & CAA feels that the City needs to be pressured to comply with the EAS, so they asked Supervisor Ma to take the lead to talk to each department. The Commission can also work closely with CAA and other community advocates to know what's happening to language access.
- **June Chinatown Neighborhood Meeting-Approved of meeting plan including location & invitees:** Commissioners Ow suggested holding the meeting at the

Recreational center at the Portsmouth Square, since CAA cannot hold that many people. Commissioner Zheng suggested that he would like to have some time to do networking from 5-6pm.

- **Finance & Operations Committee Report:** Commissioner Huie sent a letter to Mr. Nickens of SF General & has not heard from him yet. The Committee would also like to have a joint meeting with the Program & Access Committee.
- **Program & Access Committee Report:** None.
- **Policy & Legislation Committee Report:** None.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.





CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Date: June 14, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Portsmouth Square Recreational Center
Washington Street & Walter U. Lum Place

AGENDA

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of May 10th Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. **Resolution urging the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission to take all appropriate measures to prevent any similar tragedies from happening again in San Francisco.** (15 minutes)
(Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents)
- IV. **Resolution opposing budget cuts to the district Health Centers that predominately serve immigrant population** (Discussion/Action Item) (15 minutes)
(Explanatory Documents)
- V. **Set up an Adhoc Committee** (Discussion/Action) (10 minutes)
- VI. **Supervisor Aaron Peskin** (90 minutes)
Fire Department
Police Department
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Self Help for the Elderly
Chinese Newcomers Service Center
Chinatown Community Development Center
Department of Public Transportation
Department of Public Works
Public Defender
Vietnamese Community Center

VII. Adjournment

For questions about the meeting please contact Winnie Loi at 554-4789

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4 established immediately; and

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6 proper police force was used in dealing with the incidents where both victims, Chinese
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14 RESOLVED that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Mayor,
15 the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission to take all appropriate measures to
16 prevent any tragedies against our Chinese and other immigrant residents and communities.
17 Aggressive recruitment efforts must be sustained to recruit bilingual police officers that are
18 able to fulfill many functions; one of which is to patrol streets giving both the officers and
19 community the opportunity to know each other. Internal policies are mandated that police
20 assignments at stations be balanced to reflect the neighborhood's ethnic population in all
21 shifts.

22 Should there be any budgetary implications for the above, we encourage the Mayor
23 and the Board of Supervisors to fully support the Police Department in their mission to protect
24 its citizens by maintaining and developing trainings, recruitment, operations and community
25 programs that will mutually benefit the S.F. Police Department and the community.

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Chinese Say SFPD Used Excessive Force in Shooting of Immigrant Man

Sing Tao Daily and World Journal, News Report,
Compiled by Hsing-Yi Chang, Dec 09, 2003

Chinese Americans are accusing San Francisco police of unnecessarily shooting and critically wounding a Chinese immigrant man holding a pair of scissors on a Chinatown fire escape, according to reports in the Chinese language dailies, the World Journal and Sing Tao Daily. The man has also been charged by police with assault using a deadly weapon.

The parents of Xilao Wu, 33, said he was mentally handicapped and lived with them at an apartment building on Commercial Street in San Francisco's Chinatown. On Nov. 18, after an argument between Wu and his parents, Wu locked himself in the apartment. His parents called police for assistance.

Two police officers arrived. One reportedly spoke Cantonese, and the other officer was Asian American. Wu refused to let the police officers in.

It is unclear in the reports whether the officers were able to communicate with the man in Chinese. When the police heard Wu turn on a gas burner and smelled gas in the room, they broke into the apartment. There was an exchange between Wu and the police. Wu, reportedly waving a pair of scissors on the fire escape, was then shot in the stomach by one of the officers. His parents were aggrieved over the shooting and questioned its necessity.

A passerby quoted in the Sing Tao Daily said they saw Wu, and it appeared as if he was intending to kill himself by jumping off the fire escape. The passerby doubted the police had to fire at Wu. He also questioned the officer's decision to fire at Wu's stomach instead of his limbs.

Wu's bail was set at \$100,000 on Dec. 8 and he was transferred in stable condition from the hospital to a local jail.

Chengkai Huang from Asian Pacific Legal Outreach, who represents Wu's parents, said he hoped the charges against Wu would be dropped because Wu is mentally handicapped and they believe he did not intend the officers harm.

Mabel Teng, San Francisco Assessor, said that the incident shows the poor communication that exists between the SFPD and the immigrant community. Teng believed that Wu's parents called the police to solicit help and the outcome is very regretful.

Second Shooting of Chinese American in S.F. Draws Ire from Community

World Journal, News Report, Portia Li, Translated by Yvonne Lee, Apr 08, 2004

There has been another police shooting of a Chinese American male with mental health problems in San Francisco, the second case involving a Chinese American in four months. Unlike the first incident, this time the injured party may have suffered permanent injuries. San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi questioned whether the police officers involved used proper force in dealing with the incident.

Both of the victims shared many similarities. They were Chinese immigrants from the Toisan province of Guangdong and spoke the Toisanese dialect. Both men appeared to be in emotionally unstable states and were currently receiving mental health care from Chinatown facilities.

The first police shooting occurred on Nov. 18, 2003. Police were called By the parents of Xi Tao Wu, 32, who were worried about their son's well-being after he disappeared from their Commercial Street apartment and then reappeared later on the fire escape of their unit. An exchange occurred between the police and Wu and it was unclear if police were adequately able to communicate with Wu. Wu was eventually shot in the stomach on the fire escape. According to the police account, Wu was waving a pair of scissors at the officers.

The latest incident occurred on the morning of March 1 near the 900 block of Geary Boulevard in the Tenderloin district, the site of many Chinese-owned businesses.

According to San Francisco police records, police received a call from the owner of a liquor store reporting a Chinese male waving a sharp knife at a nearby bus stop. Both pedestrians and those waiting for the bus were frightened.

When police arrived, they didn't find the Chinese man. Eye witnesses directed the officers to a nearby Chinese-Vietnamese cafe where 49-year-old Jian Ming Yu was already sitting inside.

The police record points out since there were other customers and workers inside the café. Upon entering, the officers ordered Yu to leave the café immediately. He did not obey the officers' order. He first picked up one chair, put it down and then pulled out a sharp knife from his pocket, waving it around.

The police then ordered Yu several times to put down the knife. He refused. The officers then used pepper spray to try to subdue Yu. But Yu continued to wield the knife and picked up a chair and threw it at the officer. The officer then used the baton and ultimately used a bean bag gun.

Police records indicate the officers used the bean bag gun and hit Yu 零 Body ten times, some of the bean bag gun 零 bullets hit Yu 零 right eye, causing it severe injury. Finally Yu fell to the ground from his injuries and the police then arrested him.

Wu, the first case's victim, was charged with two counts of assaulting a police officer. The case is currently being processed in court. In the second case, 17 major charges were levied against Yu, including assault on an officer and other criminal charges. The court had set his bail at \$100,000. Yu is still detained in jail.

According to records, Yu had long suffered mental health problems and for many years had been receiving services from a Chinatown mental health clinic. He was divorced, with a daughter, but lived with his mother.

San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi said his office was responsible for representing Yu and Wu. He said these two cases raised questions about whether the San Francisco police department had provided proper training to its officers in situations involving persons with mental health problems.

Adachi said Yu's case indicated the police had not use proper force.

Mental health patients are different from others, he said, as excessive force only worsens the situation. Adachi said his office would vigorously defend the two Chinese immigrants.

Interim Police Chief Heather Fong said although both cases involved Chinese immigrants with mental health concerns, the situations were different. As both cases were in litigation, she would not comment.

In a related story, San Francisco's Asian American civil rights Community and health services organizations wrote to Fong and requested a meeting.

Fong said though she was unable to talk about the two specific cases, she would welcome a meeting with representatives from the Chinatown and Asian American communities to listen to their opinions.

The co-signers of the letter were: Chinese For Affirmative Action Policy Director Ted Wang; Asian Law Caucus Executive Director Phil Ting; Asian Pacific American Legal Outreach Legal Director Victor Hwang; Chinatown Development Center Director Norman Fong, and NICOS Chinese Health Coalition Director Kent Woo.

This was the first time the Chinatown and Asian American organizations had requested a meeting with chief Fong to discuss the shootings.

Wang said the groups were concerned whether the police department's current policies can adequately respond to situations in Chinatown.

Wang added that the police record for the second incident in the Tenderloin indicated that the request for Chinese speaking officers was dispatched after the police had shot and subdued Yu. This indicated there might have been a communication problem involved in that situation. Since San Francisco's immigrant population has continued to increase, he was concerned if the police department had enough bilingual officers to handle emergency situations.

Woo said as a result of the two police shootings, Chinese immigrants have become less confident in the local police. As a result, they are less likely to trust police or be willing to seek help from them.

Activists are concerned that the incident sets back efforts over the years by groups to build better relations between the SFPD and Chinese community. Police trust is a major problem with many Chinese immigrants especially those from the older generation. During the 1940s through the 1960s, police would often harass Chinese immigrants in the City on their immigration status. After 1960, immigrants who arrived from China and Taiwan often viewed police suspiciously because of their own experiences in their home countries. Asian American groups had worked hard to break down barriers in the community as well as aided the SFPD to recruit bilingual officers.

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1 [RESOLUTION OPPOSING BUDGET CUTS TO THE DISTRICT HEALTH CENTERS THAT
2 PREDOMINATELY SERVE IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS]

3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to reconsider the current**
4 **proposals to reduce the City and County of San Francisco's Department of Public**
5 **Health community based primary care health services to ensure that low-income**
6 **immigrants have access to health and social services.**

7 WHEREAS, nearly 50% of San Francisco's population are Asian and Hispanic
8 immigrants and over 75% of the San Francisco Asian and Hispanic are foreign born and
9 language competency and cultural appropriateness services are limited and;

10 WHEREAS, over 5,000 new immigrants continue to arrive in San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco's economy depend heavily on hard working low-income
12 immigrants, who contribute enormously to the vitality of our neighborhood communities, and
13 who are integral to our San Francisco and California's future success; and

14 WHEREAS, most small business, where most immigrants work, operate on razor-thin
15 profit margins and most do not provide employer based health plan; and

16 WHEREAS, more than half of San Francisco's low-wage working families are
17 immigrant families without access to health insurance and cuts in health services
18 disproportionately affect immigrant communities; and

19 WHEREAS, many Asian and Hispanic immigrants reside in unstable single-room or
20 crowded housing and are only a step away from homelessness if a catastrophic illness
21 occurs; and

22 WHEREAS, many Asian and Hispanic immigrants depend on the Department of Public
23 Health's Community Health Network such as Chinatown Public Health Center, and other
24 District Health Centers center for access to basic health and social services; and
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1 WHEREAS, the proposed 15% percent staff reduction for FY 2004-2005 meant that
2 actual expected loss of services is around 25% direct services; and

3 WHEREAS, the lack of health care services to these vulnerable immigrant
4 communities mean that there may be an increase demand for urgent and emergency services
5 at the San Francisco General Hospital; and

6 WHEREAS, studies confirm that every dollar invested in prenatal care saves three
7 dollars in care soon after birth and at least four dollars in longer-term medical costs, and that
8 access to preventive care for children with common health conditions avoids more costly
9 hospitalizations; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, that the Immigrant Rights Commission strongly opposes the proposals to
11 cut funding that provide basic health and social services to low-income immigrants; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Board of
13 Supervisors and the Mayor to strongly oppose the proposals that single out for budget cuts
14 programs providing immigrants with basic health and social services.

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I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 6:15 p.m., Commissioners, Casillas, Escobedo, Gonzalez, Haile, Huie, Kaff, Lau, Ow, Nguyen, Specktor, Tran & Zheng were present. Commissioner Nguyen arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Bondoc were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director & Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

II. Approval of minutes for May 10th: Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes & 2nd by commissioner Gonzalez. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.

III. Resolution urging the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission to take all appropriate measures to prevent any similar tragedies from happening again in San Francisco. No action was taken on this resolution.

VI. Chief Heather Fong informed the community & the commission about customer service in the Police Department. The Police Department has been meeting with a number of organizations from the community, such as Chinese of Affirmative Action, Asian Law Caucus, Reverend Fong, Chinatown Neighborhood Resource Center & other groups in order to identify some of the areas they can improve upon. One of the items that she wants to focus on is the outreach to the community, in terms of insuring that their officers have other ways of dealing with someone who does not speak the language, so that they can provide the best customer service. If you are calling to get services the dispatcher will find someone who speaks Chinese to help you. They will also get an officer to the scene to help you. If someone needs a translator, they will try to find a police officer that speaks the language. If they cannot find someone who speaks the language, they will use the language line. Each officer will have a card that lists all the languages; so that they can point to the card so that they will know what language they speak. On this card will also have the language phone number on this card, so they can easily contact someone. They will try to provide the best service. They also provide public safety training in the community. The Police Department cannot treat people differently or take any action because someone is undocumented. They will provide the services even though they are illegal. The Police Department does not help the Immigration Department. You can call 553-0123, if there is not emergency to notify the Police Department.

Rose Chung is the Aide for Supervisor Aaron Peskin's office. She would like to listen to concerns from the community & the public can contact her at 554-7453. A gentleman from the public asked if they can fix the stoplight on Broadway, he states that the light on Broadway & Grant is both red at the same time. Another issue that was brought up; when the delivery trucks deliver food, they go onto the sidewalk where the people walk, so pedestrians walk onto the street which creates a safety

issue. They should designate a certain time when the people deliver products to the grocery store. A lady in the meeting also addressed the homeless issue on Portsmouth Square Park. The homeless sleeps on the benches & throws bottles in the park. This issue needs to be addressed.

Reverend Norman Fong informed the Commission of the cuts in Chinatown Public Health & also cutting the translation services to the immigrants.

Madeline Ritchie, Center Director & Lisa Wang from the Public Chinatown Health Center came to the commission to address concerns of the budget cuts. The proposed cuts will affect 1000 fewer patients & 4000 fewer visits to the Doctor for the coming year. SF General takes ½ a day to a whole day to get translation service for immigrants. The Mission in the Health Department is to provide services to the poor & uninsured. The SF Public Health Centers are here to provide services to the immigrants. Please do not let the city cut these services. The immigrants really need the services where they can get medical help. These immigrants cannot afford to go to private doctors to get medical treatment; they rather spend the money on food, which is a necessity. They support the Immigrant Rights Commission resolution which oppose budget cuts to the district health centers that predominately serve the immigrant populations.

- IV. Commissioner Gonzalez made an amendment to the resolution to replace the wording for Asian & Hispanic with low-income immigrants. Commissioner Escobedo made a motion to approve the amended resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Ow.

Sara, a new immigrant parent who wanted to explain why they should not cut these services to the immigrants. When she heard about these cuts, she was very nervous, because if she becomes sick how can she communicate with her doctor. Where would she go for help? Cutting these services would really affect the immigrant community. Health is very important, please save the services for our community.

People from the community came to speak about the budget cuts affecting the immigrant community. They asked not to take away these services that help immigrants. Many immigrants need the translation services.

Sally Leung, ED for the Chinatown Economic Development Group strongly supports the Chinatown Public Health Center.

Ms. Zhou an immigrant from China came to the commission to ask not to cut these health services. She would not know where to go to get help if these services are cut. Health is very important, if we are not healthy how can we work to feed & take care of our families? Please do not cut these services, it's very important to us. Sally from Chinatown Community Development Center told the commission that many immigrants couldn't afford physicians; she hopes that the government will not cut these services.

Christine Falvey from Department of Public Works came to listen to any suggestions from the community. She mentioned to the community that there are projects that they were working on in Chinatown. The 1st project they are working on is the rat abandonment project, which they are working with Supervisor Aaron Peskin's office. This project is to try to catch the rats to maintain clean buildings in Chinatown. This is going to start in Chinatown & spread throughout the city. If you notice someone building having a problem with this issue, you can call 554-7287. Another project is the volunteer community organization day on August 21st to

promote volunteering to clean up Chinatown.

Ms. Lee from the community asked if they could fine people \$100 for spitting in streets. She asked if the Department of Public Works can have someone, who does not wear a uniform, so they can catch these people spitting on the street.

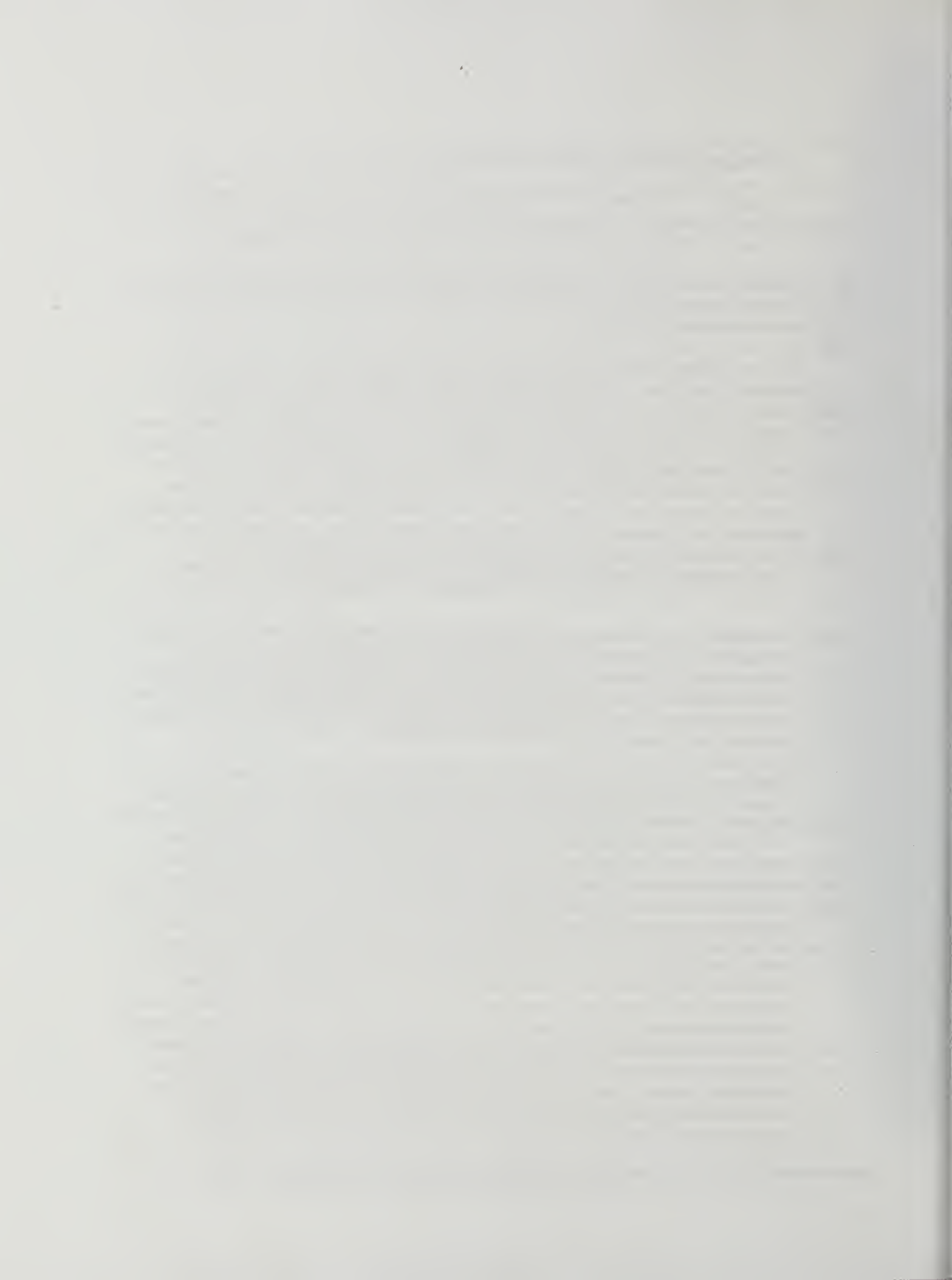
Carol Cheung from the community asked not to cut out the Chinatown Health Center. She had cancer & she got help from SF General Hospital. Many immigrants get medical service from them.

Teresa Caffese from the Public Defender's office came to the community to talk about their services. Jeff Adachi is the elected Public Defender in San Francisco. Their main office is located at 555 7th Street & their juvenile division located at Laguna Honda. They also have a juvenile office at Youth Guidance Center located at Portola. They have a felony unit, misdemeanor unit, juvenile unit & mental health unit. If someone is charge with a crime & cannot pay for an attorney, the Public Defender's office will represent them. If the person is monolingual, the attorney needs to explain the information to the client in their language. All of the information that the client explains to the attorney is confidential. If you need assistance call 553-1671; dial 0 to get the operator & ask them for the language you need. Commissioner Tran asked Ms. Caffese to have the subpoena form translated to Chinese & Spanish, so people can understand the information.

Ted Wang from Chinese for Affirmative Action came to the commission to talk about translation services. He stated that there are about 3,000 requests for translation in SF General. Currently many kids & families help out with translation. These positions should not be eliminated because many immigrants rely on these services. He also mentioned that the Police Department also has many challenges in dealing with people who only speak one language.

Cynthia came to the commission to talk about the XCEL Academy being placed at Newcomer High School for year 2004-2005. Newcomer is a one-year transitional program to prepare immigrant students for regular high schools. Newcomer has ESL and primary language content area classes so that students receive high school content and acquire English as quickly as possible. No member of the Newcomer community was consulted. Newcomer High was only informed of this proposal in the second week of May, at which time the administrators of the two schools were told to discuss the accommodations necessary for receiving the other school. It was only today that a district official informed members of the Union Building Committee of Newcomer High School that this plan is all but imminent. Under this proposed plan, Newcomer High must give up 8 classrooms to accommodate XCEL Academy. Approximately 130-200 new immigrant students for the next school year will have to be sent out to other high schools. While we respect XCEL Academy and its mission, we are still extremely concerned that placing another school onto the Newcomer premises may not be in the best interests of the students of either school. More importantly, we fear that the temporary displacement and diversions required to accommodate the other school will lead to the END of the unique services at Newcomer High School.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of June 14th Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Jonathan Gomwalk -- Sanctuary City Violation (Discussion (20 minutes)
Item) (Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
- V. Resolution urging the Mayor & the Board of Supervisor that (20 minutes)
the SFUSD be encouraged to rescind this decision as soon as
possible and offer alternative sites to the charter school.
(Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
- VI. Resolution to support Non-Citizen Voting in School Board (20 minutes)
Elections(Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
- VII. Director Report (Information Item) (15 minutes)
 1. Report on Meetings Attended
 2. Update of the Summit Brochures
 Public Comment
- VIII. Finance & Operations Committee Report (5 minutes)
(Information/Discussion Item)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
 Public Comment
- IX. Program & Access Committee Report (Information/Discussion (5 minutes)
Item)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
 Public Comment
- X. Policy & Legislation Committee Report (5 minutes)
(Information/Discussion Item)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
 Public Comment
- XI. Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XII. Adjournment

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**A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, July 12, 2004
 at City Hall Hearing Room 416.**

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:00 p.m., Commissioners, Casillas, Escobedo, Haile, Huie, Kaff, Lau, Ow, Nguyen, Specktor, Tran & Zheng were present.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Bondoc, Gonzalez were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director & Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

II. Approval of minutes for June 14th: Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes & 2nd by Commissioner Ow. Commissioner Tran made an amendment to the minutes, she asked Teresa Caffese to have the subpoena form translated to Chinese & Spanish, so people can understand the information. Commissioner Huie made a correction to the word Aide. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.

III. Public Comment

IV. Roger Gordon stated that someone in the Secretary of State Kevin Shelly's office tipped off immigration officers about Jonathan Gomwalk's illegal status. Immigration & Customs Enforcement officers arrested Mr. Gomwalk on April 26. Gomwalk has been in the United States illegally for more than 15 years. He would seek amnesty based on the fact that current Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has repeatedly targeted his family. Mr. Gomwalk has spent the past seven years transforming the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) from a local gardening club into a national model for environmental job training in inner city neighborhoods. He is also the manager of the Transitional Employment Program (TEP) since its inception; he created the nation's first welfare-to-work program with a strong environmental component. The Commission asked if they could draft a resolution & forward the information to the Commission so the Policy & Legislation Committee can review it, before the full commission on the next commission meeting on August 9th.

V. Resolution urging the Mayor & the Board of Supervisor to request SFUSD to look for another site for the charter school. Commissioner Haile moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Kaff. Commission Lau amended the resolution to add to the 4th whereas which she stated: whereas for many reasons, newly arrived immigrant youth may come from all races and nationalities and they are subject to physical, psychological, social and economic pressures that add to and even multiply the effects of the normal stresses of adolescence. Mr. Brian Cheu, Interim Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action came to the commission to speak in support of the resolution. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended resolution.

VI. Resolution to support Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections.

Commissioner Haile moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Ow. Commissioner Escobedo amended the resolution with a few

changes. She addition information to the whereas: to have non-citizen parents who are concerned about the children's education in public schools & can participate in the decisions on it's improvements; having parental involvement in schools has a direct, positive impact in increasing academic achievement for immigrant, language minority and other low income students. Mr. Cheu of Chinese for Affirmative Action spoke of support this resolution. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended resolution.

- IV. **Director's Report:** Mr. Pham, Ms. Loi, Commissioner Casillas met with Captain Al Pardini & Lieutenant Thomas Shawyer on June 28th to go over the compliance plan & address questions about the plan. Commissioner Escobedo & Tran could not make it to the meeting, but was able to address their questions to the San Francisco Police Department. Captain Pardini took all of questions back to the department to work on & will be sending a follow-up letter to the Commission. Mr. Pham, Ms. Loi, Commission Huie met with Lieutenant Shawyer on July 7th to talk about the resolution. Lieutenant Shawyer will bring the resolution back the Chief Fong to go over the language & make additional changes. They asked if we put the resolution for the August agenda. We also talked about the language card, roll call training & also special training on mental illness. The grant proposal from the Department of Justice in D.C. was done very well, but was short by 2 points. Ms. Loi told the Commission that the Intern has been helping out with the mailing of the Summit Report. He has mailed out 2 boxes.
- V. **Finance & Operations Committee:** Commissioner Huie asked to have the Adhoc committee on the next month's agenda.
- VI. **Program & Access Committee:** There is going to be a meeting in July to address the Muni complaint.
- VII. **Policy & Legislation Committee:** none.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



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AGENDA

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Action Item) (5 minutes)
Minutes of July 12th Meeting (Explanatory Documents)
- III. **Resolution to enhance Communications with the linguistic & culturally minority person in San Francisco** (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (20 minutes)
Public Comment
- IV.
 - **Community input regarding Equal Access to City Service (EAS) for Limited English Speakers** (20 minutes)
 - **Carlos Colon addressing the EAS for Muni**
 - **Marina Vasquez filed complaint with Muni** (Information/Discussion Item)
Public Comment
- V. **Cedric Yap, Mayor's Liaison to the San Francisco Unified School District** (Information/Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
Public Comment
- VI. **Resolution supporting Jonathan Gomwalk -- Sanctuary City Violation** (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (20 minutes)
Public Comment
- VII. **Resolution to Preserve the Russian program at San Francisco State University** (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (10 minutes)
Public Comment
- VIII. **Electing Vice Chair** (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (10 minutes)
Public Comment
- IX. **Director Report** (Information Item) (15 minutes)
 - Report on Meetings/Activities
Public Comment
- X. **Staff Performance Assessment Ad Hoc Committee** (5 minutes)
Public Comment
- XI. **Finance & Operations Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
 1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
Public Comment

- XII. **Program & Access Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
Public Comment
- XIII. **Policy & Legislation Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
1. Discuss agenda items for next committee meeting
Public Comment
- IVX. **Public Comment**
- XV. **Next Meeting's Agenda** (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XVI. **Adjournment**

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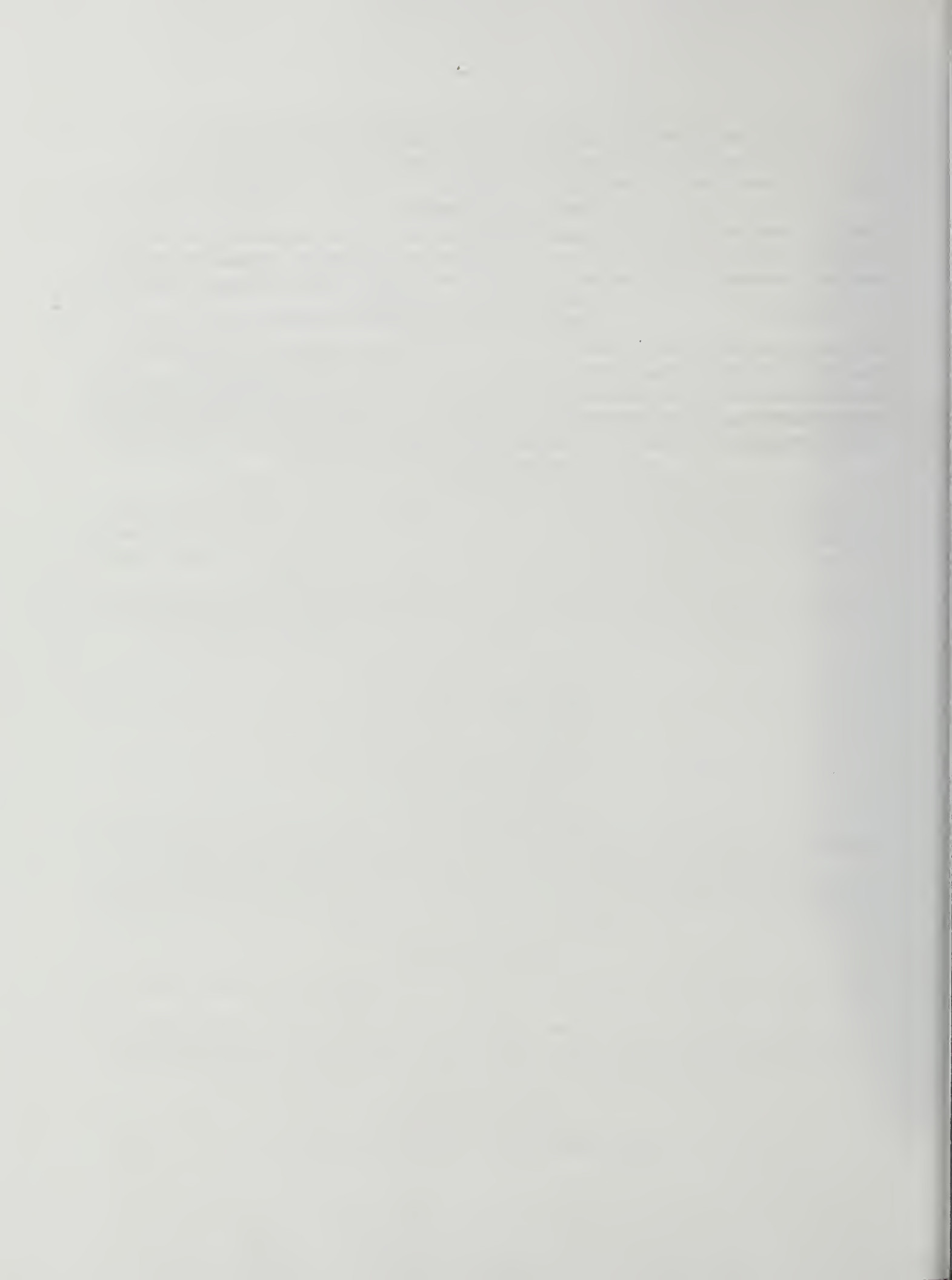
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= **Immigrant Rights Commission**

= Minutes of Meeting on August 9, 2004

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I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:25 p.m., Commissioners, Casillas, Escobedo, Gonzalez, Haile, Huie, Kaff, Lau, Nguyen, Specktor were present. Commissioner Tran arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Atay, Bondoc, Ow & Zheng were absent.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director & Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

IV. Marianna Chan, Administrative Assistant Chinese Newcomer Service Center (CNSC): She stated that they are heavily demanded in the community due to language difficulty. She stated that the forms from the Department of Human Services do not have forms in bilingual languages & that there is lack of staff assisting the monolingual speakers with forms. These people bring these letters to their organization to help translate, i.e., jury duty notifications, Food stamp application, EDD evaluation forms, SSI, Immigration forms from USCIS, determination from Medical & application from Housing Authority. She stated that it was very difficult to access a language staff. She personally called & there was difficulty getting language staff to assist monolingual.

V. Frank Tom, Assistant Superintendent came to the commission to address the placement of Cross Cultural Environmental Leadership Academy (XCEL) a site at Newcomer High School for school year 2004-2005. XCEL will only be placed at Newcomer High School for the next school year. The SFUSD is committed to serving the needs of immigrant and other English learner students by providing specialized instructional services. These immersion & bilingual programs, both of which feature articulated, structured English language development programs, instructions in Cantonese, Spanish, & other relevant primary languages, and Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English. (SDAIE). These instructional programs are designed to help English learners access the core curriculum to address their academic progress and to help them acquire the necessary English language skills. Commissioner Escobedo would like the Superintendent to respond to what was stated in the resolution. Commissioner Tran asked if they could provide multilingual staff in the entrance of 555 Franklin.

VI. Resolution supporting Jonathan Gomwalk: Gia Grant, Director of SF Clean City Coalition worked closely with Jonathan for many years. He has made many contributions to District 10 & cleaning the city. She urges the Commission to support Mr. Gomwalk. Commissioner Haile stated that the resolution is not in it appropriate format & if the City Attorney has any changes to incorporate them in. Commissioner Escobedo changed the word participate to participating. Commissioner Casillas added to the 1st whereas: The City and County of San Francisco is a City of Refuge for all immigrants which prohibits the employees of the City and County of San Francisco to cooperate with Immigration authorities; and. Commissioner Haile made

a motion with the suggestions & seconded by Commissioner Casillas. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended resolution. Commissioner Kaff abstains.

- IV. **Dr. Lee is the Medical Director for the Chinatown Public Health Center:** He wanted to thank the Commission in passing the resolution last month in support of the Chinatown Health Centers. He also wanted to give input on the Equal Access to Ordinance to City Services. He stated that many of his monolingual patients who go to General Hospitals have to wait long hours & they also have to wait all day for a translator. His patient's come back to Dr. Lee saying that there is no one to assist them in their language, they wait all day for a translator. He has received many complaints from his patients. Commissioner Tran had to help out with monolingual patients who waited in the SF General Hospital. The SF General Hospital has a bad system assisting monolingual patients.
- VII. **Resolution to Preserve the Russian program at San Francisco State University:** Ludmita Ershov, Robert W. Para, Svetlana Kristal & Lyn Stein came to the Commission to speak in favor of the Russian program at San Francisco State University. They feel that it is unwise for the university to curtail the Russian Bachelor and Master's Degree. Since more than 70,000 Russian residents live in San Francisco, they want to feel that the major university in their city houses a program, which honors their language and culture. It is important for the students to be able to enrich their knowledge of Russian. They spoke in favor of the resolution. Commissioner Kaff move to approve the resolution & 2nd by Commissioner Specktor. Commissioner Gonzalez amended the resolution with a few grammar changes to the resolution. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended resolution.
- VIII. **Consideration and possible action creating ad hoc committee to assess staff performance:** Commission Huie will chair the Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Lau & Gonzalez was interested in participating on this committee. Commissioner Ow was not present, but in previous meetings, he stated that he was interested in sitting on this committee.
- IX. **Approval of minutes for July 12th:** Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve the minutes & 2nd by Commissioner Kaff. Commissioner Escobedo made an amendment to the minutes. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



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- III. **Resolution to enhance the Communication with the linguistic & culturally minority resident in San Francisco** (Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents) (20 minutes)
Public Comment
- IV. **Presentation/ Information: MUNI representative addressing the issue related to the complaint filed by Marina Vasquez.** (20 minutes)
(Information/Discussion Item)
Public Comment
- V. **Electing & Nominating Vice Chair** (Discussion/Action Item) (10 minutes)
Public Comment
- VI. **Director Report** (Information Item) (20 minutes)
 - Report on Meetings/ActivitiesPublic Comment
- VII. **Finance & Operations Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
Public Comment
- VIII. **Program & Access Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
Public Comment
- IX. **Policy & Legislation Committee Report** (Information/Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
Public Comment
- X. **Ad Hoc Committee Report** (5 minutes)
Expansion to the Equal Access Ordinance
Public Comment
- XI. **Next Meeting's Agenda** (Discussion Item) (5 minutes)
- XII. **Adjournment**

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Enhancing communications with and overcoming language and cultural barriers impacting immigrants in all communities throughout San Francisco

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a multilingual city which has a vary large and diverse immigrant population, much of which is monolingual or possesses limited proficiency in the English language; and

WHEREAS, members of the San Francisco Police Department respect the traditions and diversity of people living in the City and are committed to excellence in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain order, protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce fear of crime, the Police Department is committed to providing service in a professional manner with courtesy, understanding, sensitivity, compassion, integrity and the use of astute judgment; and

WHEREAS, there is no other more important priority to the San Francisco Police Department than the protection of human life and that this belief needs to be reflected in every aspect of police conduct; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Police Department treats equally all those they serve regardless of sex, race, immigration status, language ability, lifestyle, or the primary reason for police contact; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's residents expect members of the San Francisco Police Department to carry out their duties, protect citizens' rights and maintain order in the City with impeccable conduct and high levels of accountability; and

WHEREAS, police officers in the course of their duties at times have interactions with immigrants with mental health problems who may speak little or no English; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is committed to working with other City agencies to broaden the mental health crisis intervention skills of police officers, and to develop around the clock resources for the mentally ill, to include a twenty-four hotline to mental health services; and

1 WHEREAS, The police department is very sensitive to the needs of the limited-English
2 proficiency and monolingual community and the challenges faced by non-English speaking
3 immigrants, and is committed to enhancing communications with the members of this community and
4 acknowledges the specific language needs of many of these immigrants; and

5 WHEREAS, recent incidents involving the use of force by officers have raised questions
6 regarding the adequacy of options available to police officers when dealing with San Francisco
7 residents who have different cultural backgrounds and an inability to speak or understand English,
8 particularly when this occurs in combination with mental health problems; and

9 WHEREAS, there exists a need to ensure that San Francisco police officers receive the best
10 training available to handle matters involving interactions with mentally ill persons as well as with
11 persons with limited or no proficiency in the English language, the San Francisco Police Department
12 places great emphasis on ensuring that all officers are trained to handle such matters with the highest
13 degree of professionalism, and that the police department take all practical steps to ensure that
14 officers receive in-depth training in these areas, and that this training includes crisis intervention
15 techniques appropriate to non-English speakers, particularly as they relate to recent immigrants and
16 those with mental health problems; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Mayor, the Board
18 of Supervisors and the Police Commission to take all appropriate measures to ensure the highest level
19 of communication, understanding, and cooperation between the Police Department and immigrant
20 residents and communities. Aggressive recruitment efforts must be sustained to recruit additional
21 bilingual police officers that are able to fulfill many functions; one of which is to patrol streets giving
22 both the officers and community the opportunity to know each other. We strongly encourage the
23 department to take any and all reasonable steps to have needed bilingual officers available on-duty
24 and working all shifts. Staffing of the district police stations should take into account the area's
25 linguistic minorities and ethnic populations. Training in cultural diversity, mental health crisis
intervention, and communicating with immigrants should be significantly enhanced to effectively
address the community's concerns. Should there be any budgetary implications for the above, we
encourage the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to fully support the Police Department in their
mission to protect its citizens by maintaining and developing trainings, recruitment, operations and
community programs that will mutually benefit the San Francisco Police Department and the
community.

Carlos Colon
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To Winny Loi/ADMSVC/SFGOV
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Winny,

The San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 95, Section 95.1, requires City departments to accept identification cards issued to foreign citizens or nationals if the issuing country authorizes the use of the card as a passport for re-entry into the issuing country, the card has a photograph of the person and date of birth, and the process for issuing the card meets standards established by the Director of Administrative Services to ensure accurate identification of the person and to discourage fraudulent documents. As I recall, all of the identification cards in question were expired and therefore would not pass as a passport for re-entry into the issuing country. I am working on getting the attachment from Administrative Services.

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If you have any difficulty understanding this letter and would like assistance in Spanish, please call Roberto Lopez at 934-3923 and he will answer any questions you may have.

Si usted tiene cualquier dificultad entendiendo esta carta y le gustara la ayuda en español, por favor llame a Roberto Lopez en 934-3923 y él contestará cualquier pregunta que usted puede tener.

Robert López
Public Relations Officer
Office of Community and Public Relations
San Francisco Municipal Railway
1145 Market Street, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
415.934.3923
Fax 934.3915

May 24, 2004

Marina Vasquez
3102 21st Street, #304
San Francisco, CA 94110

Dear Ms. Vasquez:

I received a complaint forwarded by the Mayor's Office on Disability regarding your recent efforts to apply for a Regional Transit Discount Card here at the Municipal Railway. The information they received had been forwarded from Carmen Herrera from the Human Rights Commission and I have subsequently spoken to her to get more detail about your particular concerns. I have also followed up with interviews with all the staff in our Discount ID office who were working on the days you were here.

It appears that in your complaint there were two issues which were of most importance to you, the first was what type of identification is required and second the provision of translation services in Spanish.

To address the first, what type of identification is necessary to apply for the discount card? The policy for acceptance of identification is formulated at the regional level by the Partnership Transit Coordinating Council of the Bay Area. This is because the discount card is valid for reduced fares when riding any public transit in the Bay Area. In the regional brochure the policy is stated as such:

"Present a valid photo identification – such as a current drivers license, California Identification card, passport, Alien Registration Card, Military Identification card or Military Dependent Card." The region has also elected since the printing of the brochure to accept the Matricula Consular Card from Mexico. This card has being accepted by many other government agencies as identification.

As I understand it from your complaint you do not possess a valid, non-expired, ID card at this time, the valid identification you do have is a consular card from Guatemala. I checked with the City's Department of Administrative Services office regarding the City's Administrative Code Section 95.1 Identification Cards to see if there are any other types of identification from foreign governments that the city is recommending SF City & County Departments accept. Dept. of Administrative Services sent me the attached document which indicates only passports and the Mexican consulate card shall be accepted. As you can see the City's policy coincide with that of the Partnership Transit

Coordinating Council of the Bay Area. I am sorry, but those are the only forms of ID that we can accept for the Regional Transit Discount Card and they must be valid (not-expired).

If you can obtain an updated passport or California ID card we can accommodate processing your application. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help with that process. You can reach me at 923-6142.

The second issue, which was brought up in your complaint, was the provision of translation services. I have spoken to my staff and they have indicated that translation was not requested by you when visiting their office. When translation services are requested, my staff contacts the Muni telephone information office where there are staff members who can assist with translating Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Tagalog. I apologize that you didn't feel that you received the information you needed in a manner easily understood by you, but my staff indicated that it appeared you understood the information provided to you in English. We strive to provide our customers with service which can meet their needs and apologize for any inconvenience this process may have caused you.

Thank you for bringing these issues to my attention and please feel free to call me at 923-6142 or Robert Lopez from our public relations office who speaks fluent Spanish at 923-3923.

Sincerely yours,

Annette M. Williams
Manager, Accessible Services Program

Cc: Jose Caedo, Mayor's Office on Disability
Carmen Herrera, Human Rights Commission

COMPLAINT FORM

Equal Access to Services Ordinance
(e.g. lack of bilingual staff or forms not translated)
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Name of Person affected: Mairna Varquez
Affected Person's daytime phone: (415) 641-0562
City Agency/Dept complained of: Muni-Muni Discount ID
Office - Employee, Linda Willis
Address of Above Agency/Dept: April 28-04
Date when Problem Occurred: _____
Nature of Problem: ☒ lack of bilingual staff ☒ lack of translated forms
☐ other (specify) _____

Please describe in detail the nature of problem with the agency/ department named above: _____

(Please. See attached.)

(Use back of page if you need more space)

Name of Community-Based Organization/individual that assisted the affected person in completing this form (if applicable): _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Incident 4/28/2004

Complaint of Marina Vasquez to Immigrant Rights Commission:

On Wednesday, April 28, 2004, about 1:30 pm, I, Marina Vasquez returned to the MUNI Discount ID office to present MUNI my passport which had been expired, and all the documents I previously had at my last visit. The same MUNI employee on duty during the previous visit looked at the documents and stated the documents were not acceptable. The MUNI employee refused to give her name to me. I showed the MUNI employee that my Guatemalan Consulate ID card was valid and the MUNI employee stated that the document did not state California. Again, the MUNI employee stated to go back to Social Security Administration to get my Social Security number and passport. I pleaded with the MUNI employee three different times to accept her documents including her medical verification. The MUNI employee responded by nodding her head "No". Also, I requested for a Spanish speaker and the response was "There is no one here that speaks Spanish". The MUNI employee stated "Come back when you have your passport from the Social Security office". I left the MUNI Discount ID office humiliated and mistreated by the MUNI employee.

Recently, I discovered the identity of the MUNI employee, who is Linda Willis, a supervisor at the MUNI Discount ID office. Linda Willis yelled at me during my visit at MUNI and mistreated me as if I was worthless and no respect as an immigrant resident of San Francisco.

I am requesting that the Immigrant Rights Commission enforce the City laws concerning Linda Willis, MUNI supervisor practices of denying a disabled person access to Spanish language translator, not accepting valid Consulate cards and discriminatory actions towards the public. My experience with Linda Willis was terrible and humiliating.

Marina Vasquez
3101 21st Street #304
San Francisco, California 94110
My telephone is (415) 252-2516

Marina Vasquez
Mayo 13-04

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Date Complaint received: _____

Please describe how this complaint was resolved:

Contact Person/Title: Angelica Suarez, my daughter
Daytime Phone: (415) 641-0502 E-Mail: ~~ms~~

(Each Department must maintain a copy of a filed complaint for not less than 5 years. Please return a copy of the filed complaint to Winny Loi, Compliance Officer, Immigrant Rights Commission, within 30 days from the receipt of the complaint. Fax #: 415.554.4849, or mail to: City Hall, Rm. 362, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.)

Adult Probation Department-880 Bryant Street, Rm. 200, San Francisco, CA 94102
Department of Aging and Adult Services-25 Van Ness Ave. Rm. 650, San Francisco, CA 94102
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Department of Elections-1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., Rm. 48, San Francisco, CA 94102
Department of Human Services- 170 Otis St., San Francisco, CA 94103
Department of Parking & Traffic-25 Van Ness Ave. Rm. 410, San Francisco, CA 94102
Department of Public Health-101 Grove St., San Francisco, CA 94103
Department of Public Transportation-401 Van Ness Ave. Rm. 334, San Francisco, CA 94102
District Attorney's Office-Hall of Justice-850 Bryant St. 3rd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94103
Emergency Communications Department-1011 Turk St., San Francisco, CA 94103
Fire Department-698 Second St., San Francisco, CA 94107
Juvenile Probation Department-375 Woodside Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127
Police Department-Hall of Justice-850 Bryant St. 5th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94103
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Name of Person affected: Mairina Vazquez
Affected Person's daytime phone: (415) 641-1050
City Agency/Dept complained of: Muni - Muni Discount ID
Office - Employee, Linda Willis
Address of Above Agency/Dept: 2640 Geary Blvd
Date when Problem Occurred: April 27 04
Nature of Problem: ☒ lack of bilingual staff ☒ lack of translated forms
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Contact Person/Title: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Incident 4/27/2004

Complaint of Marina Vasquez to Immigrant Rights Commission:

I, Marina Vasquez have been diagnosed with a catastrophic illness- HIV/AIDS, and I am monolingual, Spanish-speaking. However, I am capable of comprehending spoken English, while I am unable to express myself in the English language.

On Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at around 10:30 am, I went to the MUNI Discount ID office located at 2640 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, California, to obtain a MUNI discount ID card. I presented a completed medical verification form from my doctor and a letter from the doctor describing my disability. I presented a valid Guatamalan Consulate ID card, an expired California Department of Motor Vehicles ID card, and a Regional Transit ID card that expired on July 2000. The Guatamalan Consulate ID card had my photograph, date of birth and my present home address.

The MUNI employee on duty, who is described as an African-American woman in her 40's, reportedly refused to accept the aforementioned documents. I requested for a Spanish speaking services and the MUNI employee responded "theres no one here that speaks Spanish". Then, the MUNI employee threw the documents at me through the window and without an apology. The MUNI employee insisted that I go to Social Security Administration to obtain a passport to show the MUNI employee. I was also informed that the documents I presented were unacceptable for the purpose of obtaining a MUNI Discount ID card.

I told the MUNI employee that I could not obtain a Social Security card due to my immigration status. MUNI employee laughed and I felt humiliated and left the office crying.

Later, I discovered that the MUNI employee is Linda Willis, a supervisor at the MUNI Discount ID Office who mistreated me and who refused to provide a Spanish speaking person and refused to accept my valid Guatamalan Consulate card including my medical verification.

I felt very bad and humilated by Linda Willis as a Spanish speaking person with her rude attitude towards me.

Marina Vasquez
3101 21st Street #304
San Francisco, California 94110
(415) 641 0502

Marina Vasquez
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION** OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 AT 5:00 P.M., HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

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Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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Date: October 12, 2004
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall-Room 421
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

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AGENDA

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of minutes of August 9, 2004 (Action Item)** (5 minutes)
(Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
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(Discussion/Action Item) (Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
- IV. **Presentation: (Information/Discussion Item)**
 1. **Consumer Alert – Fraudulent E-mail - Laurel Pallock from the District Attorney's office-** (15 minutes)
 2. **Instant Runoff Voting – A Presentation from the Elections Dept.** (15 minutes)Public Comment
- V. **Nominating/Electing Vice-Chair (Discussion/Action Item)** (10 minutes)
Public Comment
- VI. **Planning December Neighborhood meeting (Discussion/Action Item)** (15 minutes)
Public Comment
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(Discussion Item)
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 - Report on Meetings/Activities
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- X. **Next Meeting's Agenda (Discussion Item)**
- XI. **Adjournment**

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The Immigrant Rights Commission meeting will be held in Room 416 at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco.

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42 Downtown Loop
49 Van Ness-Mission

F-Market & Muni Metro (Civic Center Station)

For more information about Muni accessible services call (415) 923-6142.

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For assistance with special needs (large print agendas, sign language interpreters, etc.) call Dang Pham at (415) 554-7583.

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Enhancing communications with and overcoming language and cultural barriers impacting immigrants in all communities throughout San Francisco

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a multilingual city which has a vary large and diverse immigrant population, much of which is monolingual or possesses limited proficiency in the English language; and

WHEREAS, members of the San Francisco Police Department respect the traditions and diversity of people living in the City and are committed to excellence in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain order, protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce fear of crime, the Police Department is committed to providing service in a professional manner with courtesy, understanding, sensitivity, compassion, integrity and the use of astute judgment; and

WHEREAS, there is no other more important priority to the San Francisco Police Department than the protection of human life and that this belief needs to be reflected in every aspect of police conduct; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Police Department treats equally all those they serve regardless of sex, race, immigration status, language ability, lifestyle, or the primary reason for police contact; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's residents expect members of the San Francisco Police Department to carry out their duties, protect citizens' rights and maintain order in the City with impeccable conduct and high levels of accountability; and

WHEREAS, police officers in the course of their duties at times have interactions with immigrants with mental health problems who may speak little or no English; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is committed to working with other City agencies to broaden the mental health crisis intervention skills of police officers, and to develop around the clock resources for the mentally ill, to include a twenty-four hotline to mental health services; and

1 WHEREAS, The police department is very sensitive to the needs of the limited-English
2 proficiency and monolingual community and the challenges faced by non-English speaking
3 immigrants, and is committed to enhancing communications with the members of this community and
4 acknowledges the specific language needs of many of these immigrants; and

5 WHEREAS, recent incidents involving the use of force by officers have raised questions
6 regarding the adequacy of options available to police officers when dealing with San Francisco
7 residents who have different cultural backgrounds and an inability to speak or understand English,
8 particularly when this occurs in combination with mental health problems; and

9 WHEREAS, there exists a need to ensure that San Francisco police officers receive the best
10 training available to handle matters involving interactions with mentally ill persons as well as with
11 persons with limited or no proficiency in the English language, the San Francisco Police Department
12 places great emphasis on ensuring that all officers are trained to handle such matters with the highest
13 degree of professionalism, and that the police department take all practical steps to ensure that
14 officers receive in-depth training in these areas, and that this training includes crisis intervention
15 techniques appropriate to non-English speakers, particularly as they relate to recent immigrants and
16 those with mental health problems; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Mayor, the Board
18 of Supervisors and the Police Commission to take all appropriate measures to ensure the highest level
19 of communication, understanding, and cooperation between the Police Department and immigrant
20 residents and communities. Aggressive recruitment efforts must be sustained to recruit additional
21 bilingual police officers that are able to fulfill many functions; one of which is to patrol streets giving
22 both the officers and community the opportunity to know each other. We strongly encourage the
23 department to take any and all reasonable steps to have needed bilingual officers available on-duty
24 and working all shifts. Staffing of the district police stations should take into account the area's
25 linguistic minorities and ethnic populations. Training in cultural diversity, mental health crisis
intervention, and communicating with immigrants should be significantly enhanced to effectively
address the community's concerns. Should there be any budgetary implications for the above, we
encourage the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to fully support the Police Department in their
mission to protect its citizens by maintaining and developing trainings, recruitment, operations and
community programs that will mutually benefit the San Francisco Police Department and the
community.

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=Minutes of Meeting on October 12, 2004

A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, October 12, 2004 at City Hall Room 421.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:25 p.m., Commissioners Alexander, Haile, Huie, Jones, Lau, Lee, Melara, Specktor, Tran were present. Commissioner Tran left at 6:41 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Bondoc, Ow & Zheng were absent. Escobedo, Kaff & Nguyen were also absent, but they were excused.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director & Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

IV. Presentation:

2. Nicole Douglas from the Department of Elections: The Commission invited Ms. Douglas to explain the ranked-choice voting for this election. Ranked-choice allows San Francisco voters to elect local officials by selecting a first-choice candidate in the first column on the ballot, and second- and third-choice candidates in the second and third columns on the ballot. Ranked-choice voting allows for a majority vote without the need for a separate run-off election. Every first-choice vote is counted. Any candidate who receives a majority (more than 50%) of the first-choice votes is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the first-choice votes, a process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes begins. First, the candidate who received the fewest number of first-choice votes is eliminated from the race. Second, voters who selected the eliminated candidate, as their first choice will have their vote transferred to their second choice. Third, all the votes are recounted. Fourth, once the votes are recounted, if any candidate has received more than 50% of the votes, he or she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes is repeated until one candidate has a winning majority.

1. Laurel Pallock from the District Attorney's Office Consumer Protection

Consumer Fraud: The Commission invited Ms. Pallock to address concerns of consumer fraud. They receive about 100 consumer complaints a month. Anyone who has a problem with any business in San Francisco can come to consumer fraud. As long as the transaction was in San Francisco, they can try to help. Anyone could come to them for assistance before they go to small claims court. When they get complaints the mediators who are volunteers can help the consumer. They also have others who speak different languages that are able to assist them. A company who pretends to be Citicorp was doing some fraudulent e-mails to the public just to get personal information. Commissioner Tran wanted to know how to prevent this from happening to others. Ms. Pallock explains that Phishing is a scam where an individual pretends to be a bank or credit card company to get your information. When you get this, delete the message immediately. SFDA consumer complaint hotline is 551-9595. They have volunteers who come in on certain days who speak another language to assist with the complaints. She is the only full time staff left out of seven. If the commission knows of anyone who can speak another language that is interested in volunteering, please have them contact Ms. Pallock at 551-9575. They do request that the volunteers work at least 10 hours a

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week. Over the years they have had radio shows & TV coverage in the Asian & Spanish community. They also do presentations & out reach to different groups in the community & people in the community help out with translating. There are so many scams these days that Ms. Pallock recommends that you throw them out. You can also sent them to the National Fraud Information. By the time you get the scam the authorities usually know about them. She also suggest to forward any scams to FTC, which has a really good website at ftc.gov.

- II. **Approval of minutes for August 9th:** Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes with a few grammatical changes & 2nd by Commissioner Kaff. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes. Commissioner Alexandar, Malara, Jones, & Lee abstain from the minutes, because they were not present for the August meeting.
- III. **Resolution to Enhance the Communication between SFPD & the Linguistic & Cultural Minority Resident in San Francisco:** Commissioner Haile moved to approve the resolution, which was 2nd by Commissioner Huie. The commissioners unanimously adopted the resolution.
- V. **Nominating/Electing Vice Chair:** Commissioner Escobedo received 6 yes votes & 3 no votes. The Commission voted Commissioner Escobedo to be the Vice Chair for the commission.

VI. **Planning December Neighborhood Meeting:** Commissioner Solomon suggested going to Western Addition. Commissioner Malara has suggested that we could contact the community leaders & ask them what issues concern them, so that the public will be interested in attending the meeting. She also recommends that if the commission can have a community sponsor. Commissioner Lee also suggested that we pair up with a community organization or offer a service, example, free legal consultation that brings people out. Commissioner Lau suggested that we line up the Excelsior & Sunset District for the following neighborhood meetings to come.

VII. **Goals & Objectives for the Commission in the next 12 months:** Commissioner Huie is the chair for the Performance Review Task Force. Commissioner Haile, Huie & Lau met with Bill Lee, City Administrator, last week to discuss improving the effectiveness of the Commission. They would like to work more closely with the Executive Director thru a work plan. They want to give priority to the Ordinance, to make sure that the Tier 1 Departments are in compliance & also eventually work with the Tier 2 Departments. Mr. Lee suggested asking the commissioners for their input to see what they would like to work on. Commissioner Huie would like to get the feed back by Oct 20th.

VIII. **Director's Report: 1. Update status of the Day Labor Program (DLP):** Mr. Pham is out of the office & Ms. Loi will be reading the Director's Report. The Mayor asked William Lee, City Administrator, to issue the RFP for the DLP on August 23, 2004. He assisted Mr. Lee in this process. On September 8, 2004 there was a pre-proposal conference in Mr. Lee's office to answer all questions related to the RFP from two potential applications. On September 20, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. was the deadline for the submission of the proposals. There are two submitted proposals: Volunteers of America and La Raza Central Legal. He did work with the City Attorney's office and Gary Wong of the Human Rights Commission to create a review panel. There are five members of the review panel to assist the City in the selection process. The review process will not end until October 14th at 5:00 p.m. After that, they will tally the score of each proposal and then Mr. Lee will make the announcement of the winner. Mr. Pham will have to start to negotiate the contract with the winner so we can begin the project on the

beginning of November 2004.

2. The Mayor's Town Hall in Mission District: On Saturday, September 18th, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services invited Mr. Pham to attend the Mayor's Town Hall meeting in the Mission District. At his town hall, there were numbers of questions related to the Day Laborer Program and bilingual education.

3. Other meetings: **A.** Mr. Pham met with Mrs. Orla O'Keefe, Coordinator of the Student Placement Center of the San Francisco Unified School District. The purpose of this meeting was to continue to dialogue in details of the placement process for the immigrant students. **B.** On September 21st, he met with Eric Cohen, Legal Program Director of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) to discuss about the backlog of the naturalization applications. **C.** On September 27th, he met with Steve Kawa, Mayor's Chief of Staff, to discuss about the need for the citizenship education program and naturalization assistance to better serve the immigrant residents here in San Francisco. **D.** On October 7th, there was an orientation session for all members of the review panel for the Day Laborer Program.

X. Next month's Agenda: Planning Neighborhood meeting & Goals & Objectives for the Commission

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



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(Explanatory Documents)
Public Comment
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Public Comment
- IV. **Goals & Objectives for the Commission in the next 12 months** (15 minutes)
(Discussion Item)
Public Comment
- V. **Review of Muni Complaint** (Discussion/Action Item)
Public Comment
- VI. **Discuss Hotel Worker Strike** (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
Public Comment
- VII. **Commission Updates:** (Discussion Item) (10 minutes)
 - **Commission Bio for the Website**
 - **Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest**
 - **Excused & Unexcused Absence**Public Comment
- IX. **Director Report** (Information Item) (10 minutes)
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A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, Nov. 8, 2004 at City Hall Hearing room 416.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 5:20 p.m., Commissioners Alexander, Escobedo, Haile, Jones, Kaff, Lau, Melara, Nguyen, Ow, Specktor, Tran were present. Commissioner Tran left at 6:41 p.m.

Members Absent Commissioner Bondoc & Zheng were absent. Huie & Lee were also absent, but they were excused.

Others Present Dang Pham, Executive Director & Winny Loi, Commission Secretary

II. Approval of minutes for Nov 8th: The Commission adopted the minutes with the amended changes: correct spelling of Western Addition & correct sentence structure: Commissioner Malara has suggested that we could contact the community leaders & ask them what issues concern them, so that the public will be interested in attending the meeting. The Commission unanimously adopted the amended minutes.

III. Planning December Neighborhood meeting: Commissioner Jones has done lots of legwork on putting this meeting together. He has suggested using the Police Community Room on Wednesday, December 1st for the IRC community meeting. Commissioner Lau suggested that we hold our meetings on Monday, since many Commissioners are not able to attend the meetings Wednesday, so she suggest that the commission will hold the meeting on Monday, December 6th. Some Commissioners suggested using another facility to facilitate the meeting. Commissioners suggests of using New Comer High School, Fillmore Center & Benjamin Franklin Middle School. If staff is unable to locate a new location, then we will use the Police Community room.

IV. Goals & Objectives for the Immigrant Rights Commission:

- **Work more closely with the Board of Supervisors & Mayor try to be more influential in overseeing & creating new policies**
- **Strengthen & implement the Equal Access Services Ordinance**
- **Outreach to the community**
- **Work closely with the San Francisco Unified School District**
- **Resolution follow-up**
- **Do one hearing on one subject-have the community testify & the departments present so they can also hear the issues**
- **Employment issues**

V. Review Muni Complaint: Commissioner Escobedo gave an overview of the September 13th Commission meeting, but there was no quorum. Maria Vasquez & MUNI representatives was present at the Sept. 13th meeting. She was applying for a Regional Transit Discount Card at MUNI & presented them with a completed medical verification form from her doctor and a letter from the doctor describing her disability. She also presented them with a valid Guatemalan Consulate card, but they only accept Mexican ID card. The MUNI employee on duty,

reportedly refuse to accept the documents. She requested for a Spanish speaking person & the MUNI employee responded, that there is no one here that speaks Spanish. Then the MUNI employee threw the documents at her through the window & without apology. The MUNI employee laughed at her face & she left crying feeling humiliated. The Program & Access Committee met last month & Commissioner Escobedo drafted a letter to MUNI & wanted the full commission to approve the letter. Commissioner Haile moved to approve the letter & Commissioner Alexander 2nd the motion. The Commission unanimously adopted the MUNI letter.

VI. Discuss Hotel Worker Strike: Commissioner Escobedo spoke with the Hotel workers, & most of these workers are immigrants. She didn't have enough time to draft a resolution. If the workers still needed the commissions help, we would put it on the agenda for next month.

VII. Commission Updates:

- **Commissioners Bio for the Website:** Commissioner Lau asked all commissioners to give their bio's to Ms. Loi so she can post it on the website.
- **Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest:** Please submit Form 700 to Ms. Loi for assuming office, there is a penalty for not submitting form.
- **Excused & unexcused absence:** If a commissioner cannot make it to the meeting, commissioners should call Ms. Loi to inform her. If a Commissioner misses two or more regular meetings of the full Commission that were not excused, the Executive Director shall contact the Commissioner to inquire as to the reason for the absences. If a Commissioner misses three or more meetings of the Commission, the Executive Director shall inquire whether the Commissioner intends to continue to serve on the Commission. If the Commissioner indicates a desire not to continue to serve on Commission, the Executive Director shall notify the authority responsible for the appointment of the Commission. If a Commissioner misses four or more meetings of the Commission, the Executive Director shall notify the appointing authority of such absences.

VIII. Director's Report: Day Labor Program: Bill Lee, City Administrator, issued the RFP on Aug 23 & asked Mr. Pham to assist him on the proposal conference. On September 20th was the deadline to submit proposals. La Raza Centro Legal & Volunteers of America were the only ones to submit proposals. There were 5 members on the review panel. The review process ended on Oct 14th at 5pm. Mr. Pham received all of the tallied scores & sent them to the Human Rights Commission. La Raza received the highest score. The City will attempt to negotiate the contract with La Raza.

Office Meetings: On October 18th he met with the International Diplomacy Council. Most of the guests were from Turkey. They wanted to know how the Commission was established & understand the commission's work.

On October 25th he met with another group with the International Diplomacy Council. These guests were from Mozambique & South Africa. They also wanted to know how the Commission was established & understand the commission's work. They want to set up something similar in there country.

Today he met with a group from China.

On November 10th he plans to meet with Steve Kawa, Chief of Staff, to talk about citizenship & education programs to try to help the newcomer become citizens.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.




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Immigrant Rights Commission

December 06, 2004

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Date: December 6, 2004
 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Place: Benjamin Franklin Middle School
 1430 Scott Street, San Francisco

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes of November 8, 2004 (Action Item) (5 minutes)
 (Explanatory Documents)
- III. Public Comment (115 minutes)
 Invited guest from the following department available:

Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
 Police Department Captain Kevin Dillon, North Station
 District Attorney's office
 Jill Wynns, School Board
 Public Defender's office
 and others.

XII. Adjournment

For questions about the meeting please contact Winny Loi at 554-4789

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December 06, 2004

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A meeting of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) was held on Monday, Dec. 6, 2004 at Benjamin Franklin Middle School audit.

I. Roll Call:

Members Present The meeting was called to order on 6:00 p.m., Commissioners Alexander, Escobedo, Haile, Huie, Jones, Lau, Lee, Melara, Nguyen, Specktor, Tran were present.

Members Absent Commissioner Kaff, Ow & Zheng were absent, but they were excused.

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II. Approval of minutes for Nov 8th: Commissioner Haile moved to approve the minutes & second by Commissioner Tran. The Commission unanimously adopted the minutes.

III. Public Comment:

Lieutenant Franklin Lee from the SFPD of the Northern Police Station: Lieutenant Lee mentioned due to the holidays that there were more crimes happening in the area. He mentions that people who park their vehicles need to park in a well-lit area & place any items in the trunk of the car. Always shop with others & keep an eye around your surroundings. He also mentioned that there is more crime rate in the project areas. When they are under the influence they are known to do illegal activities. When they arrest a person who are under the influence of drug or alcohol, they can go to rehabilitation centers which they can seek treatment. The Northern Police Station provides translation Chinese, Spanish, German & Swedish languages. If they do not have anyone present, they always call AT&T translations services for help.

Joseph Jung from the Korean American Community Center: His first concern, he wanted to see if the commissioner could help assist with paralegal assistant with immigration or legal papers. He would like to know where he could get advice. Second, he wanted to have Korean translation services in public hospitals, court clerks & public departments. Third, can he get funding to get tutoring services for the new immigrants who don't understand English and lastly, can the city departments get their phone messages translated to Korean. The Community center gets many volunteers to help out with translation. They also would like to know how many departments have Korean staff. They have a 20-member board, that pay their annual dues & they also get donations from merchants. The Commission advised Mr. Jung that they could go to the school board to ask them to get materials translated to Korean. LA has the largest Korean population, but San Jose also has a large population for Koreans. The Commission suggests contacting the Community Based Organization (CBO) in San Jose & seeing how they are getting assistance with language access. They can also set up a meeting with the superintendent & also set up a

meeting to meet with the board members.

Angela Louie from the District Attorney's Office: Ms. Louie mentioned that the DA's office has a pilot program known as Community Courts. If this is a first time offender, and they agree to successfully complete the program, this means the offender will not have a criminal record with a conviction for a crime. Additionally, participants have also been referred to anger management classes, drug and alcohol counseling.

They are doing outreach programs to San Francisco communities. They are partnering with CBO's to get materials translated.

Matthew from the public came to address their concerns about the African community to the Commission. They wanted to know where they could hold meetings for 500 people. They also wanted to know where they could find jobs & support groups for the African Community. They also wanted to know where they could get help, when they do not understand the English language.

Supervisor RossMirkarimi: He came to the commission to listen to issues of the Immigrant community & to give input on issues on the immigrant community. He mentioned the African community could use the Police community room & libraries to hold their public meetings. He suggested that the IRC can do some advertising, so the community would know that the IRC exist & immigrants would be able to come to the commission for advise or where to go for help. He also suggested going to nonprofit organizations.

Joe Lam with Mayor's Office of Community Development (MOCD): The Mayor's Office of Community Development and Mayor's Office of Housing are announcing their funding of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2005-06 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. The Economic Development GrantProgram provides grants to non-profit organizations to support job creation activities that lead to employment of-low income individuals. Grant writing assistance will be made available to those agencies seeking Public Service grants. Their department supports many newcomer programs & assist many non-profit organizations.

Alem Ambadew from the Ethiopian Community: Many immigrants from Africa come to San Francisco as immigrants & they do not understand English. Where can they find help if the families do not speak English. When they come to America, there is assistance in the beginning, but after they get their papers processed; they are on their own. They feel so helpless & don't know whom to turn to.

Adjournment: The Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

